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A. I. C. C. TO MEET IN WARDHA ON JAN. 15

Bardoli Takes Stock Of Present Situation

SEARCH FOR COMPROMISE FORMULA?

Mahatma And Rajaji Review Congress Position

[(FROM "A. P." AND "U. P.")

BARDOLI, December 23.

Decision of the Working Committee to hold the next meeting of the A.I.C.C. at Wardha on January 15 and another meeting of the Working Committee a day or two earlier was announced, when the Committee rose for tea at 4-30 p.m.

THE CONGRESS WORKING COMMITTEE WHICH BROKE UP TO-NIGHT AT 8-30 IS MEETING TO-MORROW AFTERNOON AT 2, INSTEAD OF IN THE MORNING.

The "United Press" learns that Mahatma Gandhi is having his full share in the discussions in the Workign Committee, while the 'Associated Press' understands that though Mahatma Gandhi did not make any elaborate statement before the Committee, he briefly reiterated his views which had been made known to the public both before and after the release of political prisoners, namely, that Satyagraha should and must continue despite what the Government may or may not do, the only exception being the recognition of freedom of speech.

AMONG SPEAKERS IN TO-DAY'S SESSION, BESIDES THE CONGRESS PRESIDENT AND GANDHIJI, WERE MR. C. RAJAGOPALACHARIAR, BABU RAJENDRA PRASAD AND MR. ASAF ALI.

FROM ALL APPEARANCES, THE RESOLUTION ON THE ISSUE OF NON-VIOLENCE VIS-A-VIS THE POLITICAL SITUATION IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE DRAFTED BEFORE TO-MORROW EVENING WHEN THE FULL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WILL BE OVER.

For nearly nine hours the Congress Working Committee deliberated to-day on the present political situation and adjourned to meet again to-morrow.

Two days before the Committee met the majority of the members were here and they utilised the opportunity in informally discussing the situation and exchanging views.

To a certain extent the Committee had the benefit of going into session with set ideas before it for deliberation. After disposing off certain routine matters of an administrative character, it is understood, the Committee began discussion on the present political situation.

The views expressed by members who spoke to-day may be classified under two heads: One, stating the advisability of an immediate revision in the Congress policy including the present Satyagraha movement, and the other the maintenance of the 'status quo'.

It is understood that it was argued that the Satyagraha movement which was launched for registering a moral protest of the Congress had served its purpose.

The discussions are still in a nebulous stage and it is unlikely that the Committee will come to any decision without examining the issue from all points of view.

Congress Cabinet Meets After 15 Months

The first sitting of the Congress Working Committee was held this morning at the leaders' camp when all members excepting Seth Jamnalal Bajaj and Dr. Syed Mahmud were present. Among the invitees were Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya, Dr. Khan Sahib, Mr. Jairamdas Daulatram and Harekrishna Mehtab. Mahatma Gandhi was not present in the morning sitting.

It is learnt that the morning sitting was devoted to the discussion of routine matters.

The Committee will resume its sitting this afternoon when Mahatma Gandhi will be present.

Asked if Gandhiji would attend the meeting every day, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, told the United Press that he would attend all afternoon sittings as usual.

The United Press understands that this morning's sitting also considered invitations extended to the Committee by various district Congress Committees to hold the A. I. C. C. in their respective areas but no final decision was arrived at.

AZAD, GANDHIJI AND 'C. R.' SPEAK

The Congress Working Committee dispersed this evening after four hours' discussions on the present political situation in the country.

The "United Press" understands that at the outset of the after-

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Amery Must Go

Let's Have A Fresh Mind: British Opinion On Amery's 'Crusades'

(From Our Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 23.

According to responsible political observers opinion is gathering at Westminster that Mr. Amery must be replaced by a fresh mind.

Mr. Maurice Webb, political correspondent of the "Daily Herald", writes: "The situation in India has inevitably brought up as a related issue the personal position of Mr. Amery.

"There are many responsible people who say that his transfer to another office is essential preliminary to any attempt to end the deadlock . . . and it is whispered—with good reason I believe—that he would have long ago done something bold and big if he was given a free hand.

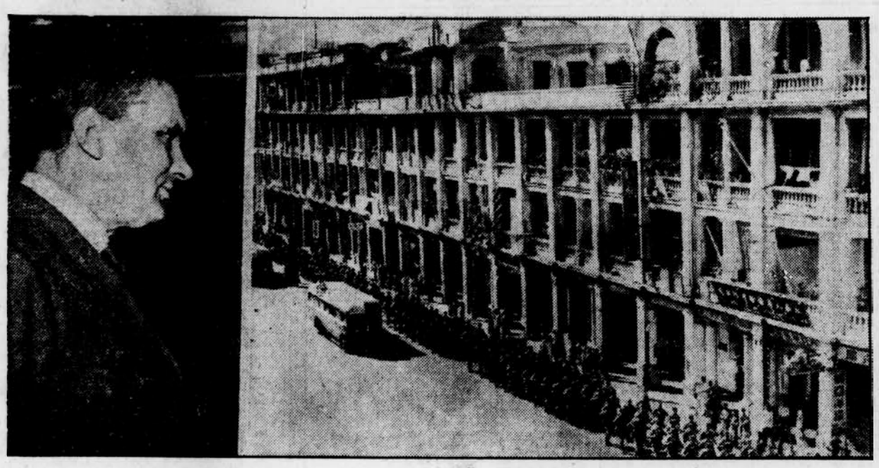
"But Ministers must stand on their own feet and on their own record.

"The fact is that Mr. Amery has done nothing bold and big".

Continuing Mr. Webb writes: "Even if Mr. Amery were now disposed to sally forth as a crusader who meant business his long sojourn in his tent has seriously impaired his power to inspire confidence which is necessary to the solution of the problem.

"So support is growing for the proposition that a fresh mind is needed at the India Office".

Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's recent interview to the Bombay Pressmen when he said about Mr. Amery "we have enough of you: get out" has also been published in the "Daily Herald".



(Left) Sir Mark Young, the Governor of Hong Kong. (Right) Canadian Contingent, just arrived, marching through Hong Kong.

CHINESE RUSH TO RESCUE HONG KONG

BESIEGED GARRISON PUTS UP FIERCE RESISTANCE

TWO JAPANESE FIGHTERS SHOT DOWN OVER KUALA LUMPUR: R. A. F. RAID ON KEDAH AERODROME

SINGAPORE, December 23.

A Communique issued on Tuesday announces that the Japanese are in possession of the eastern half of Hong Kong Island from 6 p.m. local time on Monday. The main British garrison in the western half of the Island is resisting Japanese attempts to penetrate westwards.

CHINESE RUSH TO THE RESCUE

The 'communique' says:—"The situation at Hong-Kong at six in the evening local time on December 22 was that the Japanese were in possession of the eastern half of the Island, although even in this portion isolated British posts were still holding out. The main British garrison in the western half of the Island is resisting Japanese attempts at penetration westwards.

Meantime the advanced guard of the Chinese forces which is moving to the relief of Hong-Kong has reached Tamsui 40 miles distant from Hong-Kong, while Guerilla fighting is reported to have broken out at a point only 14 miles from the Island."

Heavy Canadian Casualties

OTTAWA: The Defence Headquarters announced the receipt of word of Canadian casualties in the battle of Hong Kong as "heavy" and among the Canadians killed was Brigadier Lawson, Commander of the Canadian contingent.

Local Successes In South

HONG-KONG: A 'communique' issued on Tuesday states that fighting continues all along the lines held yesterday with local sucess for the British in the southern part of the Island.

Strategic Value Of Island

LONDON: To-day's Hong-Kong 'communique' came to Reuters in London, in a direct cable from Reuter's chief correspondent in Hong-Kong. Destails on the cablegram show that it was despatched from Reuter's Office in Hong-Kong at 08-30 (Local Time) to-day.

The stubborn defence of the garrison in Hong-Kong has achieved remarkable results in preventing the Japanese from capturing the Island, it was observed in authoritative quarters in London to-day.

Hong-Kong occupied a strategical position on the Japanese sea communications and, therefore, it was necessary for them to neutralise it. It would also provide them with a good harbour.

RETENTION ESSENTIAL

To counter the widespread Japanese oversea operations now taking place, the retention of Hong-Kong is important in our future plans. In the event of its becoming necessary to evacuate Hong-Kong, complete immobilisation of all that might be useful to the Japanese will have taken place.

Until Britain regained control of sea communications in Western Pacific we could not reoccupy it. Sea power assisted by air power, these circles added, was a major requirement in the Far East.

Air Battle Over Kuala Lumpur

SINGAPORE:—The following is the text of the 'communique' issued here to-day:—

"There has been no further change in the military situation in Northern Malaya. There was a short air-raid alert in Singapore last night. No bombs were dropped.

Yesterday morning Japanese fighter aircraft attempted to raid Kuala Lumpur Airdrome. They were immediately engaged by our fighters who shot down two of the enemy for certain and so damaged two others that it is impossible they reached their base.

Last night our aircraft raided Sungei Patani airodrome, but owing to poor visibility the results could not be observed. There was no enemy opposition.

Kuching was attacked by 15 Japanese aircraft on the morning of December 19. Some damage was done to property. Enemy planes bombed and machine-gunned houses and streets. Casualties were not heavy".

Sungei Patani aerodrome is in the province of Kedah northward of Penang.

CURTIN'S CABLE TO CHURCHILL

CANBERRA, Dec. 23.

It is officially learned that Mr. Curtin has cabled Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt in the United States stating Australia's conception of the whole Pacific strategic problem as affecting Australia, probably emphasising the importance of Singapore towards Australia.—Reuter.

Churchill And Roosevelt Confer Again

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt conferred last night until 1 (Local Time). They were alone most of the time in the study of the President at the White House.

The White House Secretary, Mr. Stephen Early, told this to newspapermen this morning and also announced that President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill would be going to Church together on Christmas Day to attend "Inter-Denominational Services".

The President and the Prime Minister will confer again late this afternoon at the White House, but no time is fixed yet for the meeting.

Conferences of the technical advisers were held in an adjoining office at the White House. A study has been reserved in the White House for Mr. Churchill specially fitted with maps etc.—Reuter.

Intense Fighting In Lingayen Gulf

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

THE JAPANESE ARE CONTINUING TO POUR TROOPS IN THE LINGAYEN GULF ON THE COAST NORTH OF MANILA. FIGHTING CONTINUES IN INCREASING INTENSITY, SAYS A WAR DEPARTMENT 'COMMUNIQUE'.

In Vicinity Of Davao

WASHINGTON:—The text of the 'communique' issued at 14-30 G.M.T. is as follows:—

"In the Philippine theatre, combat operations are continuing with increasing intensity along the Eastern shore of the Lingayen Gulf north of Damortis. A major engagement is being fought in the vicinity of Santo Tomas where the defending American and Philippine troops attained some initial successes. Japanese troops are continuing to land between Agoo and San Fernando, the landing operations being supported by increasing numbers of bombing and attack planes.

There were air raids of a minor character over the other portion of Luzon.

Fighting is continuing in the vicinity of Davao on the island of Mindanao. Nothing to report from other areas."

Intense Fighting Continues

LONDON:—A 'communique' from the U.S. War Department issued on Monday evening stated:—

"PHILIPPINE THEATRE: Intense fighting continued along coastal areas of the Lingayen Gulf, about 150 miles north of Manila on the Island of Luzon.

Attempted landings by the enemy near San Frabian and Damortis were frustrated.

Japanese destroyers moved into the Lingayen Gulf to cover the landing at Damortis but were driven off by our artillery.

EVACUEE CENTRE BOMBED

MANILA.—Heavy casualties resulted this afternoon when three Japanese planes bombed a centre which had been reserved for persons evacuated from Manila and other towns.

Army Headquarters announced this afternoon that sharp fighting was continuing in northern Luzon but said that there had been no change in positions since Monday.

Attack On Enemy Shipping In Bay Of Davao

BATAVIA:—The following is the text of to-day's (Tuesday's) Netherlands East Indies' 'communique:

"This morning our naval aircraft carried out an attack on enemy shipping in the bay of Davao. A two-hundred kilogram bomb scored a direct hit on the largest ship, a tanker of about 10,000 tons which immediately burst into flames.

A strong formation of Japanese planes this morning attacked one of our aerodromes in the outer possessions (Buitengewesten) where they inflicted damage. A further bombing attack took place at Sorong on the west coast of New Guinea. Approaching aircraft of the Royal Navy drove off the enemy. No damage was done. One naval flying boat did not return from the bombing raid."—Reuter.

Japanese Bombers' Costly Toll

NINE DESTROYED OVER RANGOON

Three British Fighters Lost In Air Battle

SINGAPORE, December 23.

Nine Japanese bombers and one fighter were destroyed and several others seriously damaged over Rangoon this morning. Three British fighters were lost, says a R.A.F. Communique,—Reuter.

Small Air Attack Causes Some Fires

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

It is learned officially in New Delhi that the enemy carried out a short bombing attack against Rangoon this morning, causing some fires.

Details are not yet available, but it is believed that four enemy aircraft were brought down by our defences.

On the occasion of a public holiday on December 17, the Commissioner of Civil Defence, Burma, urged the public to utilise the day for digging for civil and self-defence against bombing raids.

In a statement he points out that it has been proved many times in Europe that a hole dug into the ground is excellent protection from bomb blasts and splinters. Many thousands of lives have been saved by this simple precaution.

He adds: "There could be no better, or indeed, more patriotic way of spending a public holiday than by every citizen digging either in his own home or wherever the need is greatest. Remember that civil defence is self-defence, and that by protecting their lives the civil population are making a great contribution to victory."—A.P.

Evacuees From Rangoon

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

Another batch of about a thousand persons, including 158 women, 84 infants, 58 boys and 56 girls have arrived here from Rangoon by a ship. The passengers are mostly Indians, belonging to the various provinces, there being only three Chinese and a few Europeans.

The ship sailed from Rangoon on December 20.—A. P.

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

"Every alarm that is sounded in Calcutta from to-day must be treated as an 'alert' on which immediate action must be taken according to the instructions. On no account is any alarm to be considered as a practice alarm." This was emphasised by the Commissioner of Police in a Press Note issued to-day.

The Police Commissioner regrets that yesterday's practice test showed even more clearly that the great bulk of the people have yet got no idea of what to do in an air raid for their own safety. As a matter of fact the number of people on the streets seemed to be far more than normal.—A.P.

MADRAS:— "Recruitment of candidates for the grant of Emergency Commissions in His Majestys Indian Land Forces, the Royal Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force will be carried out through a combined recruiting directorate", states a Madras Government press communique issued to-day. "A provincial board has been constituted with headquarters at Madras for the purpose of preliminary interview and selection of candidates to be sent up for interview by the Central Interview Board.

CALCUTTA:—The Chief Executive officer has directed the heads of all the departments to remain in Calcutta during the ensuing X'mas holidays and to be available for attendance in office whenever required.

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SAVARKAR ARRESTED

GAYA, Dec. 23.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, was arrested at Gaya Railway Station at 2 a.m.

Immediately on his arrival, here Mr. Savarkar was served with a warrant of arrest under Rule 26 of the Defence of India Rules by Mr. A. C. Chatterjee, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Gaya.

Immediately after his arrest Mr. Savarkar was taken to Gaya Central Jail where, it is learnt, he will be detained till January 6.—A. P.

HUNDRED ARRESTS

BHAGALPORE, Dec. 23.

The number of arrests of delegates as well as workers of All-India Hindu Mahasabha Conference is gradually increasing. So far about a hundred persons have been arrested for detention.

The Bhagalpore Railway Station is now being strongly guarded by police.—A. P.

ATTACK ON RETREATING ENEMY FORCES

CAIRO, Dec. 23.

A Middle East R.A.F. 'communique' states: During December 21st/22nd retreating enemy forces in Libya were constantly attacked by our aircraft particularly in the region of Jedabya. Heavy casualties were caused among enemy troops and great damage was done to enemy motorised convoys on the El Agheila Road. One attack on more than a hundred lorries most of which were full of troops was particularly successful. Many lorries and trailers were completely destroyed.—Reuter.

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E. J. DAWSON,
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Bombay, 19th December, 1941. (6889)

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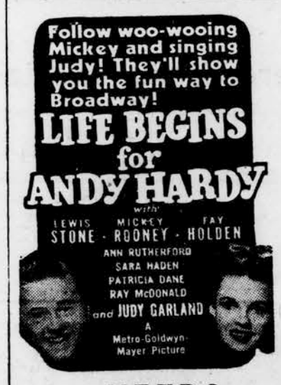
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PERSISTENT BUYING ON N. Y. COTTON EXCHANGE

OPERATORS AWAIT PRICE CONTROL DEVELOPMENTS

Scarcity Of Contracts

BOMBAY, December 23.

The New York Cotton Market is keeping very steady on persistent mill price fixing. Professional operators are inclined to await. Price control developments.

The American cotton crop is now fully gathered and day by day hedge selling will disappear:—Cotton Mills in the United States will have to buy large quantities of cotton and with prospects of a record consumption, prices will have hardening tendency.

Bombay: December 23.

On Monday the New York cotton market was fairly firm with persistent demand. There was active price fixing and local as well as New Orleans buying influenced by improvement in the cotton goods. This led to scarcity of contracts, but around 17.25 for July the market met increased resistance with outside interest negligible and a tendency to await price control developments.

NEW YORK PRICES

The market opened at a rise of 7 pts with March quoted 16.99 and advanced to 17.06 on mills price fixing and general buying. Later on there was moderate realising and prices reacted to 16.98, which was the lowest for the day. The session finally closed at a net gain of 7 to 9 pts. Spot cotton prices advanced 14 pts at 18.28c per lb.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

The New Orleans cotton futures market was fairly steady and closed at a rise of 1 to 5 pts. Spot cotton prices advanced 3 pts at 17.35c per lb.

LOCAL SITUATION

Messrs. Anandilal Podar and Co. state:—Yesterday prices relapsed further on renewed liquidation on unsatisfactory war reports and easiness in gold and silver. Let us review the over-optimism prior to the Pacific hostilities and the present scaremongering panic. With regard to the former, we had sufficiently warned about it and the latter, we now deprecate excessive panic. Because Mahatma Gandhi has taught us that without self-sacrifice and bravery our goal cannot be attained. This maxim was followed by the world admiring courageous English people against the cruel bombing of devilish Nazis. That attracted the whole-hearted sympathy of the democratic nations, especially America. That lesson requires to be studied by us without timidity. From the market's point of view, what happened in England can be relied upon for a precedent. Mental weaklings liquidated their holdings of shares, securities and commodities but those who withstood the panic with their implicit faith in allied prowess were able to reap later on reasonable profits. Why not that apply to us? Because when America starts on offensive and the enemy's initial velocity is checked, it should galvanize the feeling and turn down the enemy's applecart. That time may not be very far off and when it comes one will not be able to accumulate all things at cheaper prices.

The Indian Government third cotton forecast published yesterday estimates yield at 54,90,000 bales against the corresponding previous last year at 52,64,000 bales. Soon after the damage to the crop by excessive October heat, we stated in our report of November 7th:—"Allowing a prospective Indian crop 55 lacs bales instead of earlier figure 60, with the carryover and foreign imports of about 32 lacs, the total supply will be 87 lacs." That bears out with the above Government report.

PRIVATE CABLES—

New York March highest 17.06+14 (10-30 a.m.); Lowest 16.98+06 (1.45 p.m.)

Messrs. Chunilal Mehta and Co. Ltd. have received to-day the following cable information from their foreign friends:—

New York: Trade and local buying. Small offerings. Market steady.

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: December 22.

January	16.62+07
March	17.01+09
May	17.13+07
July	17.17+07
October	17.20+08
December	17.23+09
Middling Spot	18.28+14

NEW ORLEANS COTTON
New Orleans: December 22.

January	16.68+03
March	17.06+03
May	17.18+01
July	17.23+02
October	17.38+03
December	17.43+06
Middling Spot	17.35+03

NEW YORK COTTON
New York: December 22.

	Noon Call
March	17.01
May	17.15
July	17.20

LINSEED AND WHEAT
Bombay, December 23

Linseed	May	9	2 6
Wheat	January	5	12 9
Wheat	May	7	0 6

GROUNDNUTS AND SEEDS
Bombay, December 23

Groundnuts	February—			
	Opening	Rs.	44	2 0
	Highest		44	4 0
	Lowest		43	2 0
	Closing		43	3 0
Cottonseeds	January—			
	Opening		28	1 0
	Highest		28	1 0
	Lowest		27	7 6
	Closing		27	7 6
Cottonseeds	May—			
	Opening		26	4 0
	Highest		26	4 0
	Lowest		25	10 0
	Closing		25	10 0
Castorseeds	May—			
	Opening		44	4 0
	Highest		44	4 0
	Lowest		43	14 0
	Closing		43	14 0

Yarn And Silk Merchants Quotations

Bombay: December 23.

		Rs.	a.	p.
64/2 Koru Nissin—				
	Spot	32	4	0
	December	32	4	0
	January	32	14	0
84/2 Koru Nissin—				
	Spot	41	0	0
	December	41	0	0
	January	41	8	0
60/2 Any—				
	Spot	3	0	6
	December	3	1	0
	January	3	2	0
80/2 Any—				
	Spot	3	7	0
	December	3	8	0
	January	3	9	6
150 Any—				
	Spot	3	2	0
	December	3	1	6
	January	3	3	0

METAL EXCHANGE QUOTATIONS

Bombay: December 23.

Copper sheets lb. 21—Rs. 134, 28—124, 35—122, 42—120, 49-56—118.

Brass sheets Flag Brand lb. 20-21—Rs. 109/110, 24—106, 28—104, 35—100, 42—98, 49-56—97.

Spelter 'P.H.' Rs. 80. Rosita Rs. 75. Country make Rs. 70. Pigiead 'B.M.' refined Rs. 33/4 per cwt.

Tin Ingot Pennang Rs. 76 per qr.

SETTLEMENT RATES

Copper sheets Chaiter Rs. 126.

Pigiead 'B.M.' Maha. Rs. 32/8. Tin Ingot Penang Maha 54.

Market Tone:—Steady.

PEPPER AND GINGER

Bombay: December 23.

Alleppey Pepper ready per candy	105	0	0
Maha Sud 15	102	0	0
Chaitra Sud 15	104	8	0
Ginger ready	35	0	0
Maha Sud 15	28	8	0
Chaitra Sud 15	28	8	0

BOMBAY COTTON

Bombay: December 23.

Following a rise of 9 pts in New York cotton futures the local market opened at Rs. 225 for Broach A/M delivery and improved to Rs. 225/12. At this level there was professional selling and prices declined to Rs. 222/8, but offices came out to buy and prices improved to Rs. 223/8.

Present cotton prices appear reasonable looking from a statistical point. Out of a total crop of about 52 lakh bales there will be about 2 million bales short staple and consumption is likely to be 40 to 45 lakh bales. Thus every pound of staple cotton will be required by Indian mills and we look for tight basis eventually. The margin of profit to mills is very satisfactory. The recent panicky selling has improved the technical position of the market and there is some short interest.

Later on there was increased selling and prices declined to Rs. 220. Ban on forward trading in wheat induced selling. The market closed at 5 p.m. as under:—

Broach A/M	Rs.	220	4 0
Broach J/A		225	12 0
Oomra D/J		185	4 0
Oomra March		167	8 0
Oomra May		169	0 0
Bengal D/J		134	0 0
Bengal March		135	0 0
Bengal May		136	8 0

AMERICAN COTTON FIGURES

	1941/42	1940/41
F P Bales.		
Receipts to date 20-12-41	2211000	2340000
Receipts yesterday 20-12-41	18000	11000
Export to date 19-12-41		585000
Stock at Ports 19-12-41	3394000	3364000
Stock at interior towns do.	3322000	3320000
Quantity in sight 19-12-41		6908000

TEJI MANDI PREMIUMS

Bombay: December 23.

Wheat	May	0	10 0
Linseed	May	1	0 0
Groundnut	February	3	0 0
Castorseed	May	5	8 0
Cottonseed	January	1	4 0
Cottonseed	May	1	6 0
Silver 1st	settlement	1	6 0
Silver 2nd	settlement	2	8 0
Gold 1st	settlement	1	6 0
Gold 2nd	settlement	2	8 0

INDIAN COTTON FIGURES.

Bombay: December 23.

RECEIPTS INTO BOMBAY

In full-pressed bales. 2 days.

	Since 1st Septr. This year	Last year
Khandesh	690	16,504	28,540
Central India		6,765	6,518
Barsi and Nagar	537	17,620	17,121
Hyderabad/Gaorani		1,011	4,892
Berar	2,977	48,869	56,484
Central Provinces	1,722	18,569	5,396
Total Oomras	5,926	109,533	119,051
Dholeras	100	12,8	5,352
N.-W. Provinces		9[illegible]	198
Rajputana		279	679
Sind-Punjab	1,840	142,713	146,506
Broach	72	14,746	6,855
Coompta and Dharwar		5,494	24,075
Westerns-Northerns		5,515	25,510
Cocanada			170
Tinnevelly and Cambodia		7,397	522
Total		7,938	299,479	328,949
Arr. by road to Dec. 18, '41		27,500	32,000

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay: December 23.

	Ready. Old.	Delvry. contract Ready.	New. Dec-Jany.
Bengal Fine	126/29	138/41	....
Berar	155/60	188/90	Par —2
C. P. 1	195/200	222/25	+30 +26
C. P. 2	165/70	202/4	....
Khandesh	115/20	130/35	....
Muglai	125/30	135/40	....
Broach	144/49	....	....
Broach Low	124/34	....	....

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay: December 23.

		Extra Spr.	fine.	Sup.	Fine.	F. G.	Good
M G	Bengal U P		142	139	136	133	
M G	Punjab		142	139	136	133	
M G	Oomra No. 3	195	192	189	186	...	
M G	C. P. No. 1	230	227	224	221	...	
M G	C. P. No. 2	208	205	202	199	...	

COTTON PARITY

Broach A/M below New York May 846 cent pts at 331.

Broach J/A below New York July 828 cent pts at 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay: December 22.

		Highest	Lowest	Closing at 5 p.m.
Broach	A/M	227	222	222 3/4
Broach	J/A	233 1/2	227 1/4	228 1/2
Oomra	D/J	194 1/2	188 1/2	188 3/4
Oomra	March	177	171 1/2	172 1/4
Oomra	May	177 1/2	172 1/2	174 1/4
Bengal	D/J	140 1/2	136 1/2	136 1/2
Bengal	Mar.	141 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
Bengal	May	142 1/2	138 1/2	138 1/2

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London Stock Exchange

London: December 22.

The London Stock Exchange ruled generally quietly steady apart from the good gains in the Argentine Bonds on Government's offer to purchase 4 1/2 per cent Sterling Bonds and weakness of Kaffir developers on Cape selling attributed to the difficulty in obtaining equipment supplies. Gilt-edgeds inclined firmer also Oils while Industrials maintained generally. Rubbers recorded small recovery. Argentine Rails and Brazil Bonds also improved. Wall-St. was quiet.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London: December 22.

Rupee Paper 3 1/2 per cent	£69 1/2
Indian Stocks—	£
3 per cent 1948	90
3 1/2 p.c. 1931 or later	98 3/4
Consols 2 1/2 per cent	81 3/16
Conversion Loan 3 1/2 p.c. 1961	106 5/16
War Loan 3 1/2 per cent	104 3/8
Funding Loan 4 p.c. 1960/90	118 1/8
Victory Bonds 4 per cent	113 7/8
Chartered Bank of I.A. & China	7 3/8
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank (London register)	60
National Bank of India	31

LONDON WHEAT
London: December 22.

Rozario Santa Fe 22/4 1/2; Barletta Russo 22/6; South Australian 27/6.

GOLD & SILVER

Bombay: December 23.

Yesterday London Gold was unchanged at £8/8/0. Dollar Sterling cross rate was 4.02½ to 4.03½ at London and 4.03 3/4 at No York. London spot silver was unchanged at 23 1/2d and forward quotation was also unchanged at 23 9/16d. New York spot silver was unchanged at 35 1/8 cents. London Bombay spot silver parity was Rs. 62-10/3 and forward parity was Rs. 62/12/6. The local market was again quiet on general liquidation and quotations were as under:—

Gold ready Rs. 47/15, Posh Rs. 47/6, Maha Rs. 47/4.

Silver ready Rs. 70/4, Posh Rs. 65/10, Maha Rs 65/7.

Sovereigns Rs. 32/12.

LONDON SILVER
London: December 22.

Spot	23 1/2
Forward	23 9/16

LONDON GOLD
London: December 22.

Gold bars fine per Oz. £8/8/0

MONEY MARKET

Bombay: December 23

LONDON:—
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 9/32 2 months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Three months
Banks buying 90 days/St 1/6 5/16 Four months.
B C RATES:—
T T 1/5 15/16; D D 1/5 15/16
Banks selling T T 1/5 31/32; D D 1/5 31/32
Banks buying T T 1/6 1/32; D D 1/6 5/32
NEW YORK:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 332 3/4; D D Rs 332 3/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 329 1/2; D D Rs 327 1/2
Cross Rates Dol. 4.02 1/2; 3 1/2.
MONTREAL:—
Banks selling T T Rs.* 302 1/2; D D Rs 302 1/2
Banks buying T T Rs. 297 1/4; D D Rs 294 3/4
Cross Rates Dol. 4.43/47.
JAVA:—
Banks selling T T Gld 55 3/4; D D Gld 56
Banks buying T T Gld 57½; D D Gld 58
Cross Rates Gld 7.58/62.
BERNE:—
Banks selling T T Fcs. 126 3/4; D D nil
Banks buying T T Fcs 131 1/2; D D nil.
Cross Rates Fcs 17.30/40
STOCKHOLM:—
Banks selling T T K 123; D D K 123
Banks buying T T K 128; D D K 128
Cross Rates K 16.85/95.
SINGAPORE:—
Banks selling T T Rs 158; D D Rs. 158
Banks buying T T Rs. 155; D D Rs. 154 1/2
Cross Rates Sh. 2/4 5/32 7/32
HONGKONG:—
Banks selling T T Rs 85 1/4; D D Rs 84 1/4.
Banks buying T T Rs. 81 1/2; D D Rs 81
Cross Rates Sh. 1/3 1/32
SHANGHAI:—
Banks selling T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Banks buying T T not quoting; D D not quoting.
Cross Rates Sh. 0-3 3/16
MEXICO:—
Banks selling T T Rs. 57.27, D D Rs. 66.27
Banks buying T T Rs. 63.04; D D Rs 62.04
Cross Rates Pes. 19.5 21.5
LISBON:—
Banks selling T T Esc 7.35 nom; D D Esc 7.35 nom
Banks buying T T Esc 7.55; D D Esc 7.55
Cross Rates Esc 99.80 100 20
NEW YORK:—
Cross Rate Dol 4.03 3/4
Tone of Sterling Exchange:—Steady
Gold £8/8/0 Ready
New York Silver 35 1/8
London Silver 23 1/2 Ready; 23 9/16 Forward.
London Discounts 3 months 1 1/16 per cent
London Discounts 6 months 1 1/8 per cent
Reserve Bank Rate 3 per cent.
Bank of England Rate 2 per cent.
Money:—Call 1/2 per cent.
1 to 2 months 1/2 per cent.
3 to 6 months 3/4 per cent.
9 months 1 per cent.
Tone:—Steady.

HAPUR WHEAT MARKET

HAPUR, December 20

The decision of the various Provincial Governments to control wheat markets and their fixing maximum price for the same and also to see that adequate supplies are made available in the markets, have brought some relief to the consumers and the markets have ruled less sensitive. There has been a decline in the new wheat prices. The activity of bullish stockists has been very restricted due to trade uncertainties, although it has been made clear that the present control is effective only on ready wheat prices and not on new wheat futures. In the Punjab, however, some of the Chamber of Commerces have voluntarily refused to acknowledge transactions made at a higher price. The first reaction of the fixation of maximum price for wheat was the disappearance of stockists from the markets. Governments were, thereupon obliged to issue notifications under the Defence of India Rules that no persons, firms or company ordinarily dealing in grain or flour, whether wholesale or retail, should withhold them from general sale, and that these commodities should be sold at the rate fixed by the District Magistrate of the Districts concerned. Any person contravening these orders would be deemed guilty of an offence under the Defence Rules and punishable for a long term of imprisonment. In the Punjab besides, a more or less similar order, the Government have acquired 20,000 bags of wheat from the Lyallpur stockists.

The maximum price fixed at Karachi is 44 per candy for wholesale and 45/12 for retail; at Bombay 6 and at Calcutta 5/12 for dara Punjab quality and 8 for flour. At Hapur and Lyallpur the rate fixed is 4/6 per maund. At other U. P. and Punjab centres the maximum rate is fixed near about that. It is being commented here that the maximum rate fixed at Hapur is very low as expenses of transport from Hapur to Calcutta hardly exceed Re. 1 per maund and from Hapur to Bombay and Karachi Rs. 1/2 per maund. On that parity Hapur rate should have been at least 4/12 per maund.

Bombay reports indicate that the local consumption of wheat there averages 3,500 bags daily. The present stock is very low but it is hoped that the Government of India, who are primarily responsible for the control of wheat prices, will ensure adequate supplies of the commodity to the consuming provinces. The situation in regard to rice there is not so bad. It is reported that in addition to the arrivals of some 40,000 bags of Burman rice in the first week of December steamers carrying some 45,000 bags are on their way to Bombay. According to present plans Bombay can hope to get 4 lakh bags in January and she has a ready stock of 4 1/2 lakh bags presently. All this would enable the province to tide over any food shortage difficulty.

Calcutta reports indicate that the enforcement of the All-India Control scheme has been followed by a virtual stoppage of trade in this commodity. Trading has not only been disorganised but a certain apprehension is also discernible and various rumours are current which have led to very unsatisfactory state of affairs. Daily average arrivals so far came to 300 tons daily but they are likely to go down.

Karachi remained very quiet and cautious in the expectations of Sind Government's announcement of price control. Since then the undertone is quiet to steady. New wheat futures are rather steady as there has been a switching over of general buying interest from the old crop months to the new crop contracts. Local stocks last week were estimated at 250,000 bags, of which very small quantity remained unsold.

At Hapur there has been a decline in the new wheat prices due to favourable weather comments and uncertainties of trade. Exports had been brisk being about 50 khattis. The present stock is put at about 250 khattis. The working hours in the bazar have been reduced from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and in future the market would remain close on Sundays also instead of only one holiday in a month on Amavashyas. The local Municipal Board has decided to open a wheat shop which would sell refined wheat at 8 seers per rupee.

SUGAR MARKET

Bombay: December 23.

Fine White Java Sugar per cwt—
Java ready from Bond Rs. 18/4
African from Bond Rs. 17/8
Shipment September Rs. 11/8 F.B.H.
Indian Sugars Ready—
Ordinary Rs. 17/8 to 17/12
Large grain Rs. 17/14 to 18/10
Bombay Group March Delivery Rs. 13/15
Tone:—Steady.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, for the week ended the 19th day of December 1941.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Notes held in the Banking Department	9,46,36,000
Notes in circulation:—	
(a) Legal Tender in India	307,63,96,000
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	21,13,51,000
Total Notes issued	338,23,83,000
Total Liabilities	338,23,83,000

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 77.472 per cent.

ASSETS	Rs.
A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—	
(a) Held in India	44,41,43,000
(b) Held outside India	—
Sterling Securities	217,62,61,000
TOTAL OF A	262,04,04,000
B. Rupee Coin	34,69,53,000
Govt. of India Rupee Securities	41,50,26,000
Internal Bills of Exchange and other commercial Paper	—
Total Assets	338,23,83,000

Statement of the affairs of the Reserve Bank of India, Banking Department as on the 19th December 1941.

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital paid up	5,00,00,000
Reserve Fund	5,00,00,000
Deposits:—	
(a) Government—	
(1) Central Govt. of India	10,32,58,000
(2) Government of Burma	4,67,47,000
(3) Other Government Accounts	4,93,46,000
(b) Banks	36,64,41,000
(c) Others	4,32,87,000
Bills Payable	97,15,000
Other Liabilities	1,66,05,000
Rupees	73,54,99,000

Notes:—		
(a) Legal Tender in India	9,26,64,000	
(b) Legal Tender in Burma only	19,72,000	
Rupee Coin	11,90,000	
Subsidiary Coin	5,48,000	
Bills Purchased and Discounted:—		
(a) Internal	—	
(b) External	—	
(c) Government Treasury Bills	6,99,000	
Balances held abroad*	53,22,97,000	
Loans and Advances to Governments	—	
Other Loans and Advances	10,00,000	
Investments	8,51,38,000	
Other Assets	1,99,91,000	
Rupees	73,54,99,000	

*Includes Cash and Short Term Securities.

SHIPPING NEWS.

IMPORTS

Bombay: December 23.

6187 bales raw cotton, 700 bags gum, 1204 pkgs empty beer bottles, 42 pcs Saint earthen ware, 50 cts tiles, 79 drums dyestuffs, 79 cases emulsion, 51 cases toilet preparations, 84 cases synthetic resin rods, 30 bdls shovels, 60 drums Hydro suipt soda.

EXPORTS

92 bales cotton pcegoods Dev and Co; 35 bales grey cotton yarn Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 23 bales cotton pcegoods Cox and Kings (Agents) Ltd; 90 bales cotton pcegoods Indian Art Museum; 59 bales cotton pcegoods Sassoon N Reuben; 67 bales cotton pcegoods J A Abdulezer; 70 bags linseed Ralli Bros Ltd; 4074 bags castorseed Ralli Bros Ltd; 120 bags mustardseed Ralli Bros Ltd; 104 bales cotton pcegoods Hiralal Ltd; 5354 bags myrabollams J Hasmukhlal and Co; 300 bales cotton twist waste clean Barot Bros and Co; 175 bales cotton twist waste oily Barot Bros and Co; 191 bales cotton yarn East and West Agencies Ltd; 178 bales cotton pcegoods E D Sassoon and Co Ltd; 17 bags henna powder green Volkart Bros; 103 bags talcum powder Imperial Chemical Industries (India) Ltd; 50 bales cotton pcegoods S A Bassam; 18 bales cotton pcegoods Chinoobhai and Bros Ltd; 448 bags myrabollams H Bhagwandas and Co; 726 bags myrabollams crushed H Bhagwandas and Co; 74 bs cotton pcegoods Ralli Bros Ltd; 84 bales cotton pcegoods N M Bros and Co; 80 bs cotton pcegoods G N Musry; 12 bales cotton pcegoods K H Hillel; 46 bales cotton pcegoods W H Brady and Co Ltd; 20 bales cotton pcegoods Grindlay and Co Ltd; 40 bags dill seed The Bombay Co Ltd; 47 bags fenugreek seed The Bombay Co Ltd; 10 bags henna powder E P Varghese and Mathew; 25 bags methi seed D Phillips and Hayley Ltd; 125 bags corriander seed D Phillips and Hayley Ltd; 4149 bags linseeds The Oil Seeds Trading Co Ltd; 238 bales cotton pcegoods Damodar Khetsey; 61 bales cotton pcegoods Volkart Bros; 76 bales cotton pcegoods A Shammah; 8 bales cotton pcegoods The Anglo-Thai Corptn Ltd; 71 bs cotton pcegoods Tulsidas Khimji; 1185 bags linseed Indian Produce Co Ltd; 2560 bags gr nut oil cake Purshotamdas Popatlal and Co; 1280 bags gr nut oil cake Kishan Prasad and Co Ltd; 48 bales cotton yarn Tulsidas Khimji; 50 bales cotton pcegoods F P Campbell and Co Ltd; 200 bales cotton yarn Rasiklal Shantilal and Co; 87 bales cotton pcegoods Rasiklal Shantilal and Co.

Fined Under War Risks Insurance Ordinance

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

For having failed to insure his stock in trade valued at Rs. 4,25,000 for the period from January to April, 1941, Punam Chand Mohata, a cloth merchant of Burra Bazar, has been convicted under the War Risks Insurance Ordinance and fined Rs. 1,000 by Mr. R. Gupta, Chief Presidency Magistrate, Calcutta.

Mohata was prosecuted on the complaint of Rai Bahadur S. P. Ghosh, Special Officer of war Risks Insurance, Bengal, on behalf of the Government of India, this being first case of its kind in the province.

The accused pleaded guilty.—A. P.

NEW YORK COTTON THREE POINTS UP

COTTON:

LATEST NEW YORK COTTON PRICES.

MARCH

New York, December 23

Previous closing	17.01
To-day's opening	not received
To-day's closing	17.04
Difference	+03

BROACH EXPECTATION.

Broach April/May Rs. 220-0

NEW YORK COTTON.

New York, December 23

Following are the New York opening ranges:—

New York cotton cable not received.

New York, December 23

March (16.99/99) not received
May (17.14/14) not received
July (17.19/17) not received

LONDON COMMODITIES.

London, December 23

SEEDS

Castorseeds Dec/Jan (£20 3/4 sellers) £20 3/4 sellers

Linseed Bombay/Calcutta Dec/Jan (£20 3/4 sellers) £20 3/4 sellers

Linseed La Plata Dec/Jan (£15 3/32 sellers) £15 5/8 sellers

Groundnut Coromandal Coast Dec/Jan (£19 3/8 sellers) £19 3/8 sellers

JUTES

Dundee October/November unquoted
Lightning October/November unquoted

RUBBER

Spot unquoted
Forward December unquoted

LONDON METALS

Tin not quoted.
Electric Copper (£62) £62
Lead (£25) £25
Glasgow Iron No. 2 (131 sh.) 131 sh

EXCHANGES:

CROSS RATES.

T T. NEW YORK ON LONDON
New York, December 22

Previous closing 4.03 3/4
To-day's opening not received

T T LONDON ON NEW YORK
London, December 23

Previous closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To-day's opening	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2
To day's closing	4.02 1/2 to 4.03 1/2

LONDON BULLION.

LONDON GOLD
London, December 23

London Gold (£8/8/0) £8/8/0

LONDON SILVER
London, December 23

Spot (23 1/2d) 23 1/2d nil
Forward (23 9/16d) 23 9/16d nil

CROSS RATES

London on Bombay (1-c. 1-6
Paris on Bombay not quoted
New York on Milan not quoted
New York on Bombay (30.36 30.36
London on Shanghai (6 z 27/32 to 6-3 3/16) 6-2 27/32 to 6-3 3/16
London on Kobe not quoted

DISCOUNTS

3 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent.
4 months (1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent) 1 1/32 to 1 1/16 per cent
6 months (1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent) 1 1/16 to 1 1/8 per cent

BULLION AND SEEDS
Bombay, December 22

There was no trading during night session.

3 1/2 PER CENT STERLING LOAN
London, December 23

The Stock Exchange was brighter to-day. 3 1/2 per cent Indian Sterling Loan closed to-day at £99

AUSTRALIAN LOANS
London, December 23

5 per cent 1958/60 £101 1/4

BRITISH FUNDS.

2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £81 9/16
3 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £106 5/8
2 1/2 per cent Conversion Loan £99 7/8
4 per cent Funding Loan £114 1/2
3 1/2 per cent War Loan £104 9/16
New York Loan £101 3/16
4 1/2 per cent Victory Bonds £113 7/8

BARDOLI SEARCH FOR COMPROMISE

(Continued from page 1)

noon's sitting which commenced at 2 in Gandhiji's cottage, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, Congress President, made an introductory speech reviewing the political events in the country after the Committee had met last at Wardha fifteen months ago. He explained the circumstances leading to the parting of the ways with the Government and the launching of the Satyagraha movement all over the country.

PROGRESS OF SATYAGRAHA

It is gathered that the Congress President was followed by Gandhiji, leader of the Satyagraha movement, who acquainted the Committee with the progress of the movement and its moral effect in the country as well as abroad, and his considered views thereon.

The "United Press" learns that after Gandhiji, Mr. C. Rajagopalachariar occupied considerable time explaining his standpoint and his study of the cult of non-violence 'vis-a-vis' its repercussions on the nation as a whole.

"DIFFICULT TO SAY"

"It is difficult to say", said a leading member of the Working Committee after the Committee had dispersed at 6 after four hours' discussions, "if a compromise formula could be evolved between the two different schools of thought on the issue of non-violence and Congress attitude towards it.

Quite unexpectedly, the Committee had a night sitting after prayer time in Gandhiji's cottage for an hour and continued discussion.

It appears that at the afternoon's session of the Committee, views were expressed that a change in the Congress policy and its attitude towards the issue of non-violence was unwarranted, unless there was a change of heart on the part of the British Government. One member invited the attention of the Committee, it is learnt, to H.E. the Viceroy's recent speech at Calcutta, which the member characterised as only a reiteration of the August offer, demonstrating no change of heart.

Mr. Harekrishna Mehtab, who had been specially invited to attend the meeting, had a prolonged interview with Gandhiji this morning on the ministerial affairs in Orissa.

It is learnt that Mahatma Gandhi instructed Congress members in the Orissa Assembly not to offer Satyagraha but to concentrate on measures to unseat the present Ministry.

NEW MINISTRY WILL FALL!

Mr. Mehtab said that he was confident that the Parlakimedi Ministry would collapse at the first stroke when it faced the forthcoming Budget session of the Assembly. It appears that the strength of the Congress Party now is twenty-eight in a House of fifty-nine, one seat being vacant. Besides this, there is an Independent member with leanings to the Congress and Mrs. Saraladevi Choudhurani who, though recently resigned from the Congress Party, has publicly announced her decision not to support the war efforts of the new Ministry. In addition to these, it is hoped that some of the Congress members who pledged their support to the new Ministry will come back to the Congress Party.

Mr. Mehtab had prolonged discussions on this issue with Dr. Rajendra Prasad, member of the Parliamentary Sub-Committee in charge of Orissa. It is learnt that after free and frank discussions with the Working Committee Mr. Mehtab will issue a statement on the Orissa affairs.

Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, Dr. Pattabhi Sitaramayya and Mr. Shankerrao Deo arrived here this morning. The only absentees in the present session are Seth Jamnalal Bajaj and Dr. Syed Mahomud who communicated their inability to attend the meeting owing to ond sposition

Students Wait On Azad

"We are involved in a major struggle, the struggle for liberation of India. When a satisfactory solution is evolved on the major issue all minor issues which are comparatively not important will be solved automatically."

This reply was given by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, the Congress President, to a party of students from Baroda who waited on him to-day and urged him to take up the question of the release of Mr Sarat Chandra Bose in the Working Committee.

The members of the party are also meeting Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and some other members of the Working Committee in the same connection.

**NEVER too YOU

PENTANGULAR FINAL

Hindus Make 299 For Five Wickets

Merchant Rangnekar Superb Partnership Yields 225 Runs

PARSI BOWLERS GIVE GOOD ACCOUNT OF THEMSELVES

THE FINAL ROUND OF THE PENTANGULAR TOURNAMENT BETWEEN THE HINDUS AND THE PARSIS STARTED ON TUESDAY MORNING AT THE BRABOURNE STADIUM IN THE PRESENCE OF A FAIRLY WELL-ATTENDED CROWD.

The following represented both the sides:—

Parsis
P. E. PALIA (Capt.)
K. R. MEHERHOMJI
H. A. PRINTER
R. S. COOPER
R. S. MODI
M.F. MISTRY
E. B. AIBARA
K. K. TARAPORE
J. B. KHOTE
D. R. HAVEWALA
M. J. MOBED

Reserves:
N. H. COLAH
D. B. SALHA
J. H. WADIA

Hindus
L. P. JAI (Capt.)
D. D. HINDLEKAR
V. M. MERCHANT
M. N. RAIJI
K. M. JADHAV
C. T. SARWATE
GIRDHARI
K. M. RANGNEKAR
U. M. MERCHANT
R. J. GHARAT
S. W. SOHONI.

Reserves:
V. N. RAIJI
KISHINCHAND
H. J. DOSSA
K. M. BHATIA.

UMPIRES:— Vali Ahmed & H. E. Chowdhry.

Hindu Batting

The Hindus who batted first had a very uncomfortable time with the bat, particularly during the first two hours of the game A strong side like that of the Hindus representing the best batting talent in India was naturally expected to make a better start than the Hindus actually made on Tuesday. Shocks are not common in cricket, and Parsis really gave an astonishing shock to their opponents when within only half an hour of the game they made a quick dismissal of batsmen like Sohoni and M. N. Raiji before the Hindu total had hardly reached ten. And when Vijay Merchant came and smoothened down the course of events, it was thought that now atleast everything was well with the game. But that was not to be. Parsis were yet to spring another surprise. It came with the unexpected disposal of Hindlekar a little before lunch, when a quick and correct throw by Khote off the stroke of Merchant who tried to steel a third run, compelled his well-set partner to return to the pavilion. Sarwate who came next was soon dismissed after lunch—perhaps an effect of lunch itself.

Tide Turns

But the tide of the game now turned. It was now the time for the Hindus to spring surprises. It came with the superb partnership that followed between Merchant and Rangnekar. The former, the doyen of Indian cricket, and the pillar of the Hindu batting gallaxy was in no way to be appalled by the early misfortunes of the Hindus. Calmly did he watch the course of events, and when the opportune moment came, struck so heavily as to tatter to pieces the Parsi bowling. His splendid partnership with Rangnekar which added 225 to the Hindu total was a masterpiece of sound and level-headed cricket, which laid the foundation of a Hindu victory. Merchant's unbeaten 145 leaves all in hope of his setting of a new record to-day.

And Rangnekar—the easy-go-lucky Rangnekar seemed to have no trouble with either bat or ball. He went on in his usual dashing style punishing the bowler at every stage. His 117 was a valuable asset to the Hindu side.

Parsi Attack

A little about the Parsi attack With the exception of Merchant—Rangnekar partnership the Parsi bowlers had on the whole given a good account of themselves. Had it not been for their early sucess the Hindu total would have gone up to at least 400 by this time.

DETAILS OF GAME

The spin of the coin having decided in Jai's favour, Hindlekar and Sohoni came out to start the game for the Hindus. From the pavilion end Khote opened the attack to Hindlekar who with a double off the third ball opened his account. Palia came from the opposite end. A beautiful leg-break off this spin bowler in his fourth over clean-bowled Sohoni. (6—1—3).

The Parsi fielding was quite sharp, and there seemed to be a keen and desperate attempt on the part of every fielder to save runs from the very start. Khote was bowling at a fairly good pace and had his first success soon after Palia. For hardly had the total reached nine when he got the new-comer M. N. Raiji caught by. Meherhomji behind the wickets. (9—2—2).

This was a signal for V. M. Merchant to come out. Scoring a single off Khote Vijay brought the first ten on board.

Khote was now replaced by the Karachi medium-paced bowler Mobed. Merchant cut hard his very first ball on the point, this being the first four of the Hindus. Tarapore replaced Palia, and Merchant lifted his very first ball to mid-on boundary. Slowly the score mounted to 20 after nearly 55 minutes of the game.

With the total at 23 Palia brought Havewalla in Tarpore's place and Hindlekar had his first four off his second ball. A leg drive by Merchant off Mobed got him four and took the score to 30. Nearly 20 minutes of a slow but steady game brought 40 on the board which included Merchant's 20.

HINDLEKAR RUN-OUT

At this stage bowling was changed once more, Khote being brought back from the pavilion end. The next over by Palia saw a sudden and unexpected change in the fortune of the game. Khote as a fielder proved more effective than Khote as a bowler. It happened in this way: Merchant snicked Palia on slips, and not satisfied with two runs tried to run for the third. But a quick and correct return of the ball by Khote enabled Meherhomji the wicket-keeper to smash the wickets before Hindlekar reached the crease (46—3—14).

Sarwate then entered into partnership with Merchant, and with 50 going up the board soon after Mobed was once again tried from the Gymkhana.

When the game closed for lunch the board showed 60 for loss of three wickets.

AFTER LUNCH

The Governor of Bombay took lunch with the players of both the teams, and owing to his presence the game began a little late after lunch. At 1-40 Mobed began with the attack from the pavilion with Merchant facing him. One run was scored in his cover. Palia came from the opposite end. Mobed's third over accounted for the first Hindu wicket after lunch Sarwate being caught at silly-mid-on of his third ball by Mistry (67—4—5).

Rangnekar now joined Merchant, and the pair went on confidently. With Rangnekar's usual fast game runs came quickly in and 70, 80 and 90 appeared on board. Few minutes more and a sound stroke by Rangnekar off Mobed brought the first Hindu century on board.

MERCHANT'S 50

At 2-30 hitting Tarapore for one Merchant brought his first 50 on board.

A little later Cooper was brought in from the Gymkhana end for the first time but the score went on increasing. Some brisk cricket was now witnessed and 110, 120, 130 and 140 appeared quickly on the board.

To slow down this high pace of run-getting Palia himself took the leather from Tarapore, and Rangnekar driving him on leg obtained four. Two more by the same batsman off Mobed brought his 50 on the board. With Tarapore coming from the pavilion side Rangnekar hit him twice for a double, the score reaching 170 and the partnership 103.

When the game close for tea the total was at 173 for loss of 4 wickets.

In the first over by Tarapore after tea Rangnekar skied his last ball at deep mid on and obtained four, the score thus going to 180.

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Mobed replaced Palia from the Churchgate end, and Merchant twice snicked him on slips for a double.

Havewala then came on Tarapore's place, and Merchant fetching some singles off him reached his 90 In Havewala's second over Rangnekar leg-squared him for four and immediately followed up with a mid-on drive for four which brought the Hindu second century on board after 255 minutes of the game.

MERCHANT'S 100

At 208 the ball was changed. Khote was the first to try the new ball. In the following over off by Palia Merchant drove him to mid-on and completed his century.

RANGNEKAR'S 100

Mobed then replaced Khote, and Merchant got one off his last ball. Rangnekar who was short of his century only by two, drove Havewala to leg for four and completed it amid cheers.

Rangnekar and Merchant then entered into a sort of hitting partnership, and some classic strokes were witnessed thereafter. Quickly the score mounted to 290. But here Rangnekar's career came to an end. In an attempt to lift Mobed to leg he surrendered his wicket and returned to the pavilion. (292-5-117) Rangnekar had played an exceedingly beautiful game and his partnership with Merchant had yielded 225 runs.

Jai then joined Merchant and when the game closed for the day the score was 299 for 5 wickets down which included Merchant's 145.

SCORE:

HINDUS (1st Innings)

D. D. Hindlekar run out	14
S. W. Sohoni b Palia	3
M. N. Raiji c Meherhomji b Khote	2
C. T. Sarwate c Mistry b Mobed	5
V. M. Merchant batting	145
K. M. Rangnekar, b. Mobed	117
L. P. Jai batting	3
Extras	10
Total (for 5 wkts.)	299

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
J. B. Khote	18	6	31	1
P. E. Palia	23	13	46	1
M. J. Mobed	34	6	87	2
K. K. Tarapore	19	5	54	0
D. R. Havewala	13	2	54	0
R. S. Cooper	2	0	11	0

Combined Team of Parsi and Hindu Finalists of the Pentangular Tournament with H. E. the Governor in their midst.

MOOT LAW AND EL MOROCCO SHOW OUT ON TRACK

Glory Of Kolhapur, Gipsy Girl And Vandyke Put Up Good Performances

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

The following track-work has been noted in connection with the Fifth Day of the Bombay Christmas Meeting.

COBALT (Davison) held LITTLE TIM (W. Thompson) while covering nine furlongs on the inner grass in 2 mins.

SUNNY DAN (Evans) was in front of STEEL BLUE (Raffaele) in a gallop over seven furlongs on the tan and recorded 1 min. 36 4/5 secs.

WHAT'S YOURS (Roberts) covered six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 22 secs.

SHAHENSHAH (Roberts) had the measure of PRATAP (R. B.) when doing a mile on the tan in 1 min. 51 1/2 secs.

HOLLY GARTH (Jadhav) finished ahead of PAPRIKA (Jones) and covered six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 20 secs.

VANDYKE (Brace) and GAY TALKIE (Md. Khan) finished about level when covering a mile on the tan in 1 min. 49 secs. The former should run well even with the heavy impost in the Baroda Cup.

GLORY OF KOLHAPUR (R. B.) showed out from TURF KING (—) and ORANGE FLOWER (Sibbritt) over a mile on the inner grass. They covered the distance in 1 min. 44 secs.

RIGHT BET (Raffaele) and WONDERFUL (Evans) were not fully extended and covered six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 23 secs.

GIPSY GIRL (Jones) shaped like a winner when covering six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 19

SOLOMON (Jones) held RED FLOWER (Jadhav) in a gallop over six furlongs on the tan and clocked 1 min. 21 1/2 secs.

GINGER BOY (Raffaele) did easy six furlongs on the tan in 1 min. 22 secs.

MOOT LAW (Evans) outpaced FURORE (Raffaele) in a gallop over six furlongs on the tan and recorded 1 min. 20 secs. The former was well in hand and if he reproduces his track-form should be hard to beat.

EL MOROCCO (Jones) was slightly better than FLOWER OF INDIA (R. B.) in a gallop over six furlongs on the tan and covered the distance in 1 min. 18 1/2 secs.

DOUBLE EVENT:
Haut Ton
Turf King

TREBLE EVENT
What's Yours
Marcheux
Moot Law

DARK FLUKES:
Houdini
Baltoi

Mr. Abid Ali Jaferbhai, President-elect of the First All-India Balkanji-Bari Workers' Conference which will be held at Karachi on December 26 and 28. People from all parts of India interested or engaged in any kind of Children's activities have been invited to attend the Conference.

KANARA ASSOCIATION CUP TOURNAMENT

The Karnataka Young Cricketers ("A") beat the Arunoodaya Cricket Club ("A") in the semi-final of the South Kanara Young Cricket Association Cup Tournament.

Bombay X'Mas Meeting: 5th Day

TURF KING FANCIED FOR BARODA CUP

Moot Law Has Outstanding Chance

(From Our Racing Correspondent)

The beautiful card of nine events with the fields ruling large stands for decision on Christmas eve at Mahaluxmi.

The important events for the day are the Baroda Cup and the Aga Shamsuddin Plate.

Turf King, Bell Boy, Vandyke, Oliver and Shahensha are smart performers, and therefore keen struggle for the honours is likely to be witnessed in this event. Turf King who lost the race on objection to Bell Boy when last engaged, has worked wonders on the track and is likely to prove superiority.

In the Aga Shamsuddin Plate where eight horses from Class I and II compete, I am of opinion that Moot Law can easily defeat any one of his rivals at a saying.

The following are my selections:

1st Race:
PRINCE MAHMUD 1
RAHIMTULLA 2
GAURISHANKER F

2nd Race:
KAMALA 1
LIDSDOWN 2
ALAN-A-DALE F

3rd Race:
HAUT TON 1
WONDERFUL 2
KATIPO F

4th Race:
COBALT 1
NEOCELL 2
GOLDEN ARROW F

5th Race:
WHAT'S YOURS 1
MAHBOOB'S CHOICE 2
ROSETTA F

6th Race:
TURF KING 1
BELL BOY 2
VANDYKE F

7th Race:
MARCHEUX 1
RIGHT BET 2
GIPSY GIRL F

8th Race:
MOOT LAW 1
OLD RELIANCE 2
HOT BUN II F

Last Year's Result
DANCING COMET 8-4 Davison
ILLUMINATE 7-12 Britt
GOLDEN BEAM 8-8 Marrable
EPILOBEUM 8-2 Bond

9th Race:
TAJ MAHAL 1
GAZAL 2
DAHMAN FADHIL F

Last Year's Result
PUSHPAMALA 7-12 Marrable
ASSAF MAHMUD 8-4 Brace
BANNASH AMER 8-0 Britt
GOLD DEPOSIT 8-12 Whiteside

All-India Table Tennis Championship

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

The Inter-Provincial and All-India Table Tennis Championship Tournaments will commence at New Delhi from the 24th December Over hundred men and women competitors from the Punjab, Bengal, Bombay, Madras, Hyderabad and Mysore are participating, including Sivaraman, A Ghosh, Kapadia Brothers, Miss Madan and Miss Das.—A. P.

Race Tips At A Glance

	1st Race.	2nd Race.	3rd Race.	4th Race.	5th Race	6th Race.	7th Race.	8th Race.	9th Race.
"Bombay Sentinel."	P. Mahmud Nalini II Rahimtullah	Alan-a-Dale Kamala Panna Prince	Wonderful Haut Ton	Neocell Cobalt G. of Kolhapur	What's Yours King's Wine Baltoi	Vandyke Turf King Bell Boy	Right Bet Marcheux Snow White	Moot Law Old Reliance El Morocco	Tiger King Gazal Taj Mahal
"Bombay Samachar."	Bon Amis P. Mahmud Star of Kashmir	Kamala Alan-a-Dale Lord Clarion	Brother Scribe Wonderful Haut Ton	Torch Royal G. of Kolhapur Cobalt	What's Yours Rosetta King's Wine	Turf King Oliver Shahenshah	Marcheux Right Bet Snow White	El Morocco Old Reliance Hot Burn II	Tiger King Pushpamala Gold Deposit
Sporting Times.	Metro Bon Amis Star Brilliant P. Mahmud	Lidsdown Kamala Lord Clarion A La Grande	Haut Ton Wonderful Brother Scribe Suryakumar	Cobalt Moradabad Torch Royal Golden Arrow	Bay Nazir F. of Gwalior Tyranny Eminent	Turf King Oliver Red Flower Bell Boy	Marcheux Right Bet Holly Garth Snow White	Old Reliance El Morocco Dancing Comet Hot Bun II	Tiger King Pushpamala Taj Mahal Fadhil Minshad
Turf Special.	Dalli al Iraq Metro Bon Amis Mikhlif Jabir	Kamala Miss Vesington Lidsdown Lord Clarion	Suryakumar Wonderful Tiger Kid Katipo	Neocell Moradabad G. of Kolhapur Cobalt	F. of Gwalior Hectic Bay Nazir Scottish Star	Red Flower Bell Boy Shahenshah Lakhpat	Snow White Right Bet Marcheux Holly Garth	El Morocco Dancing Comet Moot Law Hot Bun II	Assaf Mahmud Akbu Amin Fadhil Minshad Tiger King
Motee Specia'	Nassar Bon Amis Kaid Saoud Nalini II	Kamala Alan-a-Dale Oil Can A la Grande	Brother Scribe Ratifier Wonderful Bon Souvenir	Torch Royal G. of Kolhapur Cavalier Cobalt	M.'s Choice Trusty King's Wine Tyranny	Lakhpat Bell Boy Shahenshah Vandyke	Marcheux Little Tim Fortunate Lad Tipperary	El Morocco Hot Bun II Dancing Comet Moot Law	Chief Ruler Taj Mahal Tiger King Royal Oak
"Evening News."	Bon Amis P. Mahmud	Lidsdown Miss Vesington	Wonderful Haut Ton	Torch Royal Cobalt	Rosetta King's Wine	Orange Flower Oliver	Marcheux Right Bet	Old Reliance El Morocco	Gold Deposit Taj Mahal
"Sanj Vartaman."	P. Mahmud Bon Amis	Lidsdown Kamala	Haut Ton Katipo	Cobalt Torch Royal	King's Wine What's Yours	Turf King Bell Boy	Right Bet Marcheux	Moot Law El Morocco	Tiger King Pushpamala Fadhil Minshad

SETH HYDERALLY CASSUMJI CHARITABLE TRUST

Abstract Statement of Account for the five years ended 31st December, 1940.

	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
ASSETS AT COMMENCEMENT & RECEIPTS:—		
TO LIQUID ASSETS AT COMMENCEMENT:—		
Balance at Banks and Cash in hand on 1-1-1936:—	2,571 10 5	
INVESTMENTS AT COST:—		
3½% G. P. Notes of the Face value of Rs. 12,000/-	10,966 3 5	
Advance for legal costs:—	710 0 0	14,247 13 10
RECEIPTS:—		
Rent of Surat Properties & Bethak:—		17,928 8 0
Interest on Government Securities:—		2,567 4 2
Refund of Income-tax		33 3 0
Interest on current account:—		103 14 0
TOTAL RUPEES		34,880 11 0

	Rs. as. p.	Rs. as. p.
DISBURSEMENTS AND LIQUID ASSETS AT CLOSE:—		
BY DISBURSEMENTS:—		
Managements Expenses at Surat and Bombay:—		4,476 13 0
Municipal Rates & Taxes:—		1,144 0 0
Insurance:—		577 6 0
Audit Fees:—		200 0 0
Repairs to Properties & Bethak:—		2,761 3 0
Legal Charges:—		710 0 0
Interest on G. P. Notes purchased:—		27 14 4
		9,897 4 10
By LIQUID ASSETS AT CLOSE:— (31-12-1940)		
3½% G.P. Notes of the Face value of Rs. 22,000/- at cost:—	20,425 9 5	
Balance at Banks in current A/c:—		
With the Bank of India, Ltd.	4,205 13 3	
With the Bank of Baroda, Ltd.	320 0 0	
In hand.	46 15 6	
	24,998 6 2	
Less:—Liability for rent Deposit:—	15 0 0	
		24,983 6 2
TOTAL RUPEES		34,880 11 0

We have examined the above Abstract Statement of Account for the five years ended 31st December, 1940, of Seth Hyderally Cassumji Charitable Trust on the basis of actual receipts and payments with vouchers and books of accounts as kept at Bombay, in which are incorporated the monthly statements of accounts from Surat. We have also verified the Investments as on 31st December, 1940, with the Safe Custody Deposit Receipt of the Bank of India Ltd.

The value of the Surat properties has not been shown in the books of the Trust.

Bombay, 10th November, 1941.

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Registered Accountants,
Auditors.

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Sd. MAHMEDBHAI FAIZULLABHAI
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LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS To-day

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Muslim: Zilkad 5, 1360
Parsi: Tir 21, 1311
Sunrise: 7h. 9m.
Sunset: 6h. 8m.
Hightide: 4-05, 16-30
Lowtide: 10-25, 21-61

LABOUR WELFARE CENTRE: Prof. V. G. Rao will speak on A.R.P. and the duties of the citizen at the Labour Welfare Centre, Worli, to-day (Wednesday) at 7 p.m.

KARNATAK YUVAK SANGH: The general body of the Karnatak Yuvak Sangh will meet to-day (Wednesday) at 8 p.m. (S.T.) in the office of the Sangh.

NATIONS' LEAGUE OF PENFRIENDS & YOUNG FOLKS' BROTHERHOOD—The following will be the personnel of the Board of Advisers of the Nations' League of Penfriends and Young Folks' Brotherhood from 1st January 1942:—(1) Madame Sofia Wadia (Bombay); (2) S. A. Brelvi (Bombay); (3) S. U. Shukla (Bombay); (4) R. Raman (Delhi); (5) L. Rupchandani (Sind).

50 KN-WALK: The Bombay Presidency Olympic Association is organizing the 50 kn-walk on Sunday, the 28th instant. The events will start at 5 a.m. Athletes will assemble in the Traffic Island opposite the Eros Theatre.

SOUTH INDIAN MUSIC COMPETITION: The annual South Indian Music Competition will be held on the 24th, 25th and 26th December 1941 (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday) in the Association premises.

UNITED LODGE OF THEOSOPHISTS: A public meeting for questions and answers will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6-15 p.m. at Jehangir Wadia Building, opposite Flora Fountain. All questions are welcome.

CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL On Sunday, December 28, there will be a Fancy Dress Carnival for children at 5 p.m., again followed by games and entertainment. Just after a short dance will take place.

AMUSEMENTS OF THE DAY

BROADWAY—"The Court Dancer" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
CAPITOL—"Barretts of Wimpole Street". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
REGAL—"Sun Valley Serenade". Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
METRO—"Life Begins for Andy Hardy". Daily at 3-30, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
EXCELSIOR—Uday Shankar. To-day at 6-30 and 10 p.m.
NEW EMPIRE—"Our Wife" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
SUPER—"Circus Queen" Daily at 4-15, 7 and 10 p.m
PATHE—"Nai Roshni" Daily at 3-30, 6-30 10 p.m.
ROXY—"Anjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
WEST END—"Sangam" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
MINERVA—"Sikandar" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KRISHNA—"Khazanchi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
IMPERIAL—"Gharki Laj" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
OPERA HOUSE—"Dhandora" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CENTRAL—"Sant Sakhu" Daily at 4, 7 and 9-45 p.m.
EDWARD—"South of Pago Pago" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
MAJESTIC—"Swami" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
PALACE—"That Night In Rio" Daily at 4, 6-30 and 10 p.m.
LAMINGTON—"Sajjan" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
CHITRA—"Adhikar" Daily at 4, 6-45 and 9-45 p.m.
HINDMATA—"Bandhan" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
APOLLO—"Terry and the Pirates" Daily at 4-30, 7 and 10 p.m.
NOVELTY—"Tulsi" Daily at 4, 7 and 10 p.m.
KOHINOOR—"Payachi Dasi" Daily at 4-30, 7-15 and 10 p.m.

TELEGRAPH HOLIDAY: Monday, the 29th instant, will be observed as a telegraph holiday on account of Id-ul-Zuha. Telegraph offices will observe Sunday working hours and ordinary telegrams will not be accepted on that day. (2) Greeting telegrams classed 'XLT' for Egypt will not be accepted this Christmas and New Year.

THIRD KONKANI CONFERENCE: In connection with the Third Konkani Conference proposed to be held in April next in Bombay, a meeting of representatives of Konkani-speaking people residing in the city and suburbs will be held at 3-30 p.m. on Friday (December 26) at Prospect Chambers (1st floor), Hornby Road, to select members of the Reception Committee and to appoint a working committee.

STRIKERS' PROCESSION: A procession of strikers of Marwadi Bazaar Bombay, will go from Tambakata to Moti Bazaar and other localities and a meeting will be held at 1st Sutar Galli, C. P. Tank at 7 p.m. to-day (Wednesday).

Under the auspices of the Gold and Silver Employees' Union, Bombay, a meeting of the Artisans of Chira Bazaar and Anant Wadi will be held in the office of the Union at Ganpat Bhavan to-day (Wednesday) at 8-30 p.m. in the office of the Union to support the strike of the Marwadi Bazaar. Speeches will be made by Coms. N. T. Wadekar, V. G. Nimbkar, Sangodkar, Musadalar and S. Pisat.

A.R.P. COMMITTEE, MATUNGA: Under the auspices of the A.R.P. Committee, Matunga, Bombay 19, the Ambulance Study Centre of the St. John Ambulance Association will give the second lecture on "First Aid to the Injured" to-day (Wednesday) in the lecture hall of the Ramnarain Ruia College, at 9 p.m. (S.T.). The lectures will be continued on every Saturday and Wednesday at the same place and at the same time, till the course is completed.

A group of prize winners in annual sports of Indian Women's University (S. N. D. T. College) with their Sports Secretaries and professors.

WILLINGDON CATHOLIC GYMKHANA

SANTA CRUZ, Tuesday.
The Willingdon Catholic Gymkhana, Santa Cruz have organised and arranged an elaborate and excellent programme for the X'mas and the New Year.

For X'mas, there will be the annual X'mas Tree with myriad and multi-coloured lights, sports open to the residents of Santa Cruz, Khar and their Friends on Thursday, 25th instant at the Gymkhana ground at 3-30 p.m. A short dance will follow for the parents whose children take pat in the games.

TALK OF THE SUBURBS

(By A SUBURBAN MAN).

"We have enjoyed a pleasant evening in watching the boys at their varied sports, and it is a credit to the school to devote so much attention to their physical education," said Mr. M. Marshall D'Mello, M.B.E., addressing a large gathering of parents and friends at the St. Stanislaus High School, Bandra, annual athletic sports held yesterday evening.

A long and interesting programme of 32 events was gone through and some really creditable performance was witnessed.

"Defence is no longer the repelling of invasion but the protection of the house and soil," said Prof. V. G. Rao, in this A.R.P. lecture, before a large gathering of citizens at Dr. Sadani's Bungalow, Malad, on Sunday evening.

Continuing the Prof. said, "that the present warfare differs in various ways from the old ones. The present conditions of modern warfare are entirely different. A new type of weapon, which is used for attack is the aeroplane with various types of bombs."

Concluding he said: "Air raids have come to stay and unless some miracle happens and changes the nature of man, it is necessary to unite and concert to resist them.

SECURITY DEMANDED FROM POONA PRESS

The Government of Bombay has demanded a security of Rs. 2,000 under Sec 3 (3) of the Indian Press (Emergency Powers) Act, 1931, from Mr. Shripad Raghunath Rajguru, keeper of the Rajguru Press, Poona, because that printing press was used for printing a book containing matter inciting to and expressing approval of offences involving violence and tending directly or indirectly to excite disaffection towards the Government established by law in British India, and has also declared all copies of the book to be forfeited.

Bharatiya Nritya Kala Mandir

The opening ceremony of Bharatiya Nritya Kala Mandir was performed by Mr. Indarnarayen Brijmohaniall, Chief Judge, Bombay Small Cause Court, on Sunday the 20th instant at Dadar. The pupils of the institution gave demonstrations of dancing and among them, the beauty of the dances of Miss Damayanti Joshi, both in Kathak and Kathakali technique was appreciated by the audience.

GURU GOVIND SINGH'S BIRTHDAY: The Bombay Sikh, under the auspices of Local Shree Guru Singh Sabha, will celebrate Guru Govind Singh's birthday anniversary to-day (Wednesday) and to-morrow (Thursday) in the Khalsa College premises at Matunga. To-day, a grand procession will be taken out in Matunga starting at 2-30 p.m. from the College ground. To-morrow, there will be a general gathering at which speakers will address the audience from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Guru's Mission, particularly bearing on Hindu-Muslim Unity aspect of it. The public are cordially invited.

SEEDS TRADERS' ASSOCIATION LTD.: The following were declared duly elected as President, Vice-President and Directors, respectively, of the Association for the Samvat 1998, at the annual general meeting of the Seeds Traders' Association Ltd.: Seths Ratilal M. Gandhi (President); Ramdas Kilachand (Vice-President); Girdhar Jagjivan; Narandas Hathibhai; Jadavji Narahidas; Nagindas Karamchand; Manilal Dhunji; Panchoobhai Mansey; Lakhamsey Ghelabhai; Haridas Velji; Mangulal Trikamlal; Nandlal Mulji Bhuta; Jeshinglal Ramchand; Monji Gangji; Keshavlal Mangalchand; Naranji Purshottam; Bapulal Lebherchand; Narshi Champsey; Chandulal J. Vakharia; Manchand Kuberdas; Hiralal Mohanlal; Manilal Ratanchand; Keshavlal Popatlal.

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE
On Wednesday, December 31, there will be a full-dress open dance on the Tennis Courts of the Club starting early at night by 9-30 and continuing until the dawn of the wished happy and prosperous New Year 1942.

The rush for reservation of seats for the New Year Dance is great and people are having 10 and 12 seats each labelled and earmarked for them and their guests.

For this purpose, the game of Tennis will be entirely closed for the whole week from the 25th of December to the 2nd of January, 1942.

INDIAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR: A meeting of the representatives of the Trade Unions which have already joined or have agreed to join the Indian Federation of Labour, will be held to-day (Wednesday) at 6 p.m. in the Servants of India Society Hall, Girgaon, to consider: (1) Report of the Lahore Conference of the I.F. of L; (2) Formation of the Provincial Committee of the I.F. of L.; (3) to consider the recommendations to be made to the Government of India regarding certain labour legislations; (4) Any other business allowed by the Chair.

SRI RAMANA JAYANTI AT MATUNGA: It has been proposed to celebrate the 62nd birthday Uthsava of Sri Bhagavan Ramana Maharishigal of Tiruvannamalai, who is one of the greatest living Saints of the present day from Sunday, the 28th instant to Sunday, the 4th January, 1942, in the Pandal specially erected for the purpose in Bhuta Nivas, near King's Circle, Matunga.

ELECTRIC MERCHANTS' ASSOCIATION: The annual election of the Electrical Merchants' Association, Bombay, was recently held when the following office-bearers were elected:—Mr S. D Sharma—President, Mr. A. V. Khilji—Vice-President, Mr. S. A. Shroff—Secretary, Mr. M. S. Mody—Secretary, Mr L. S. Safi—Treasurer, Mr. J. B. Damania and Mr Amritlal D. Pujani—Ex-Officio.

On The Air

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24

Delhi I—Programme

338.6 metres (886 kc/s)
4-30 p.m. For Indian Troops in the Far-East. 5 Kusum Jadhav. 5-15 For Women. 6-15 Narayan Rao Vyas. 6-50 The Urge of the Masses, 4: Talk in Hindustani. 6-45 For Villagers only. 7-45 It has happened, or Suha Sughrai on Sitar. 7-50 Hirdey Ram: Recitation. 7-55 Nabi Jan. 8 Indian music. 8-15 Then and Now: Civil Defence; Talk. 8-30 Zinda Hasan. 8-45 Kusum Jadhav. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 Unto us a Child is born: Talk 10 Radha Rani. 10-20 Shahana on Sitar. 10-25 Narayan Rao Vyas.

Bombay I—Programme

244 metres (1,231 kc/s)
8 a.m. Instrumental duet. 8-5 News in Hindustani. 8-15 News in English. 8-25 Film fancies. 8-50 News in Marathi. 9 News in Gujarati. 9-10 Abdul Karim Khan. 9-20 Three Bhavgeets. 9-30 G. M. Nagpuri. 9-45 to 10 Ali Akhtar: Sarod Solo. 10 Rajnikant Desai. 11 Pandit Rao Nagarkar. 11-30 Kuvar Bai: Gujarati play. 12 noon A I R Orchestra. 12-15 p.m. Ratnakant. 12-30 Gujarati geets. 12-45 to 12-57 Ali Akhtar: Sarod Solo. 12-57 News in Hindustani. 1-0 Indira Bai Wadker. 1-30 News in English. 1-35 Lunch Hour music. 5 Tomorrow. 5-5 Rajnikant Desai. 5-40 News in Marathi. 5-45 News in Gujarati. 5-50 A I R Chorus Party. 6 News in English. 6-5 News in English. 6-5 News in Hindustani. 6-10 Kusum Shroff and Sisters. 6-20 Local news and announcements in English. 6-25 Same in Hindustani. 6-30 Pandit Rao Nagarkar. 7 In the Garden: Talk in Hindustani. 7-15 G. M. Nagpuri. 7-30 Kusum Shroff and Sisters. 7-45 News commentary, or Indian music. 7-50 Rajnikant Desai. 8 News in Marathi. 8-15 News in Gujarati. 8-30 News Review: Topical talk. 8-45 At a quarter to..... 9 News in Hindustani. 9-15 News commentary in Hindustani. 9-20 News in English. 9-30 B B C news relay. 9-45 War commentary. 9-55 Listening Post. 10 Pandit Rao Nagarkar. 10-15 Playhouse. 10-45 The Salvation Army: Christmas Carols. 11-5 Hilda Flaunders: Entertainer.

Bombay II—Programme

41.44 metres (7,240 kc/s)
8 to 8-5 a.m. As in Bombay 1. 8-5 Geets from Grooves. 8-15 Recitations from Hindustani Poems. 8-25 to 8-50 As in Bombay 1. 8-50 Indira Bai Wadkar. 9-10 to 10-30 As in Bombay 1. 11 to 2-25 p.m. As in Bombay 1.

61.48 metres (4,880 kc/s)
5 to 6 As in Bombay 1. 6 Thumri on Sarinda. 6-10 to 7-15 As in Bombay 1. 7-15 Interval.

89.15 metres (3,365 kc/s)
7-30 to 8 As in Bombay 1. 8 Indira Bai Wadkar. 8-30 to 9 As in Bombay 1. 9 A I R Orchestra. 9-15 G. M. Nagpuri. 9-30 A X'mas Cantata. 9-50 Leopold Stokowski and Philadelphia Orchestra. 10 The Goan Choral and Folk Song Society. 10-15 to 11-15 As in Bombay 1

MR. MANDPE'S PORTRAIT UNVEILED: Mr. W. T. Griffiths, Deputy General Manager (Staff), G.I.P. Railway unveiled the portrait of the late Mr. M. G. Mandpe.

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THE NEXT STEPS

Reports from Bardoli, read in the light of speeches made by prominent Congress leaders recently, make it clear that the issue of non-violence is steadily receding into the back-ground in the sense that everything will depend on what we have always called the wider issue, namely, a political settlement following transfer of power to the people. If a settlement comes about, the National Government will, of course, vindicate the right to preach pacifism. In the absence of a settlement the struggle will be resumed in one form or other. Neither side desires such a struggle for its own sake. As Britain cannot afford any internal struggle now and as Congress itself is least anxious to cause her embarrassment at present, both sides should make every possible effort to arrive at an honourable settlement. Negotiations may or may not end in a settlement but they must begin and without a moment's avoidable delay.

Sound Suggestion

That the Viceroy should discuss the problem with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad is a sound suggestion made by the Union of Democratic Control, London, in a statement signed by, among others, such eminent men as Rev. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, Lord Strabolgi, Mr. Creech Jones, Professor H. J. Laksi, Lady Layton, Sir John Maynard, Mr. H. N. Brailsford, Professor William Brierley and J. F. Horrabin. There is at least this merit in the suggestion that by acting upon it the Viceroy loses nothing but may conceivably gain more than he can now imagine. Once preliminaries begin, success will depend on the right personnel to discuss and decide upon its solution and on a sound basis for negotiations. The old method of making an agreement between elements encouraged to be incompatible as a condition precedent to any settlement has proved a blind alley and should not be persisted in. A small representative conference consisting, say, of Premiers and ex-Premiers, and prominent party leaders, as often suggested by the Premiers of the Punjab and Bengal, may be found more serviceable. The "Manchester Guardian" has also supported the suggestion and it deserves to be tried.

Basis For Negotiation

Most important is the question of a sound basis for negotiations. In this connection it is significant that, according to our London Correspondent, several members of even the Conservative Party have come to realise that "given the purpose for which Great Britain is fighting, it is morally impossible not to conclude that the spirit of the Atlantic Charter ought to govern relations between Britain and India". Speaking more specifically, the "Manchester Guardian" brings to the notice of Government, with apparent approval, the following plan: "Indians ask that the Central Government, the Viceroy's Council, should now be wholly Indian, Finance and Defence (with Commander-in-Chief still keeping his position) would pass into Indian hands. Government would still be responsible to the Crown. Many, if not most, thoughtful Indian politicians do not think that an Indian Government ought yet be answerable for its life to the Central Assembly. It is urgent to get a popular government going again in the provinces." It will be well for Britain to realise that a truly popular Government is as urgently needed at the Centre as in the Provinces and that a body of mere Advisers, though wholly Indianised, cannot serve the same purpose. As regards the question of complete freedom after the war, the "Guardian" suggests: 'Since we have already promised India equal partnership, there is no reason why we should not say that whatever settlement India agrees on at the end of the war, we will carry out within a stated time. To call a conference to plan now and at the end of war to draft the final scheme follows naturally." These suggestions, taken collectively constitute a fair approach to the Poona offer of the Congress. That offer, therefore, should be revived as a basis for negotiations in response to a suitable gesture from Government. Indeed, the Congress attitude towards the war may again be set forth in a self-contained statement, reviewing the whole position as it developed during the last two years. Whether it leads to a settlement or not, such a statement will go a long way in enlisting for the Congress the sympathy of freedom-loving people the world over.

Churchill In Washington

The arrival of Mr. Winston Churchill in Washington is another of those dramatic gestures for which Britain's redoubtable Premier is famous. With the same flair for adventure with which he had met President Roosevelt in mid-Atlantic, he has now flown across the Atlantic and landed in the capital of Britain's greatest ally. The bold gesture will undoubtedly appeal to the imaginative American people and its value in evoking the greatest enthusiasm for the Allied cause in the United States cannot be overemphasised. When they met last, Churchill and Roosevelt were heads of two friendly nations, one at war and the other helping her to win the war. To-day they are allies, fighting a common enemy by united military and industrial effort. This fresh personal contact between the Premier and the President cannot but have a heartening effect on both the British and the American nations.

But this visit has a greater significance. While its value for invigorating British and American morale is undoubted, its real purpose is more practical and more urgent. It is obvious that it has been brought about by the entry of Japan into the war and the consequent anxious situation in the Far East. According to President Roosevelt's statement on the objectives of the talks, "there is of course, one primary objective in conversations to be held during the next few days, between the President and the British Prime Minister and the respective staffs of the two countries. That purpose is to defeat Hitlerism throughout the world".

After stating that this will be a preliminary to other conferences in which other Allies will also participate, he says: "It is expected there will thus be evolved over-all unity in the conduct of the war. Other nations will be asked to participate to the best of their ability in the over-all objective. It is probable that no further announcement will be made until the end of the present conference but it may be assumed that the other interested nations will be kept in close touch with this preliminary planning". While no details have been divulged of the programme which will come under discussion, according to Reuter, the composition of the British representation and the presence of technical experts point to full discussion of every aspect of the war effort, military, political and supply. Public opinion in Britain, America and elsewhere has for some time past been urging close co-ordination in all spheres of the war strategy of the Powers fighting aggression. And this Conference is the first step towards that objective. India will have no voice in these discussions on war strategy and political objectives of the war. But Indians will be keenly watching whether the great American democracy, as represented by President Roosevelt, will exert her influence to extend the principles of freedom (for which she is fighting) to India or whether she will choose to leave such "inconvenient" questions of Britain's imperial policy to be decided by Britain's die-hard rulers.

Frankly Speaking

Axis Air Force

The Libyan campaign has cost the Axis Powers dearly. Italy has virtually lost her empire in Africa and Germany has lost a vast number of aeroplanes. According to R. A. F. communiques, the Axis air force has lost as many as 500 machines and a proportionate number of pilots. In Europe and the Far East, too, the Axis has suffered serious losses in the air, the total for the last fortnight being 148. This is bound to cripple the air strength of the Axis Powers. But, between them, the three unholy partners—Germany, Italy and Japan—still possess a formidable aerial armada. Though the Allies are able to match it in strength in Europe and Africa, they are faced with overwhelming numbers in the Far East where Japan is mainly depending upon her air arm for the speedy completion of her plans of aggression. Britain and America will have substantially to increase their air forces to be able to beat off the aggressor.

High-handed

The Government of Bihar are acting in a most arbitrary and high-handed manner in dealing with the proposed session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha at Bhagalpur. Their ban on the session was an unwarranted attack on the constitutional right of meeting, when there was no reasonable fear of any breach of peace. The dismantling of the pandal erected for the session was an utterly unnecessary provocative act. One is not surprised, therefore, to note that such methods have caused deep resentment throughout the country and a large number of the Mahasabha leaders, including the President, Mr. V. D. Savarkar, are proceeding to Bhagalpur to assert their right to meet by offering Satyagraha, if necessary. Several of them have been arrested but that is sure to make matters worse. A number of prominent leaders outside the Mahasabha, including Mr. Srinivasa Sastri and Sir P. Sivaswami Iyer have appealed to Government not only to lift the ban on the Mahasabha session but also to give it proper protection. It will be wise for Government to accept this advice in time.

Constitutional Dispute In Sind

The dispute between the Sind Ministry and the Governor raises several issues of great constitutional importance to the country as a whole. In his statement made in the Sind Assembly the Premier, Khan Bahadur Allahbux, complained that the Governor often acted on the assumption that "in all matters where, under the Act, he has to exercise his individual judgment and in all matters in which he has his special responsibility he must exercise his own judgment—that is, in all matters where he holds an opinion different from that of his Ministers, whether the matter is so important and the Ministers' advice so perverse that being guided by his Minister's advice will be inconsistent with the exercise of his special responsibility, or whether it is a matter of mere difference of opinion regarding certain day-to-day items of administration".

Breach Of Assurance

This assumption may or may not be valid under the letter of the law, strictly interpreted. But it is not valid under the interpretation which was put upon the law by the Viceroy in 1937 in accordance with its spirit and which induced the Congress to accept office. The Viceroy made it clear then that even in those matters with regard to which the Governor is responsible to Parliament "the primary responsibility rests with Ministers and the Governor would not as a rule interfere with the day to day administration of the province." In the acts complained of by the Sind Premier the Governor seems to have acted without any justification against this primary responsibility of Ministers and against the assurance of the Viceroy. However, as the correspondence between the Premier and the Governor is not yet published we shall refrain for the present from making further comments on this point. The Premier has acted with restraint in not precipitately resigning and in sending the correspondence to the Secretary of State at the suggestion of the Governor and the Viceroy. The Secretary of State should be given a chance of retrieving an error to the satisfaction of the Ministry. If he fails to do so, the Ministry will, of course, have to fight out the constitutional issue to vindicate its rights.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS

Domestic economy is taught in the school of matrimony.

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The successful manicurist has plenty of business on hand.

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Only a dyspeptic can eat his cake and yet feel as though he had it.

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Most of the songs sung on the stage by request are at the request of the singer.

Purity Of Folk Songs Must Be Preserved

PROF. VENKATASWAMI NAIDU WARNS AGAINST MENACE OF MODERN TRENDS IN KARNATAKI MUSIC

MADRAS, December 23.

"The great hold of the talkie over the masses is a menace to the purity of Carnataki music, whose fundamental feature is its 'Gamaks.' It is not everyone that can introduce an innovation into a system which has preserved its dynamic individuality from times immemorial. A star may attempt to implant something catchy into Carnataki music, but the graft has no chance of survival. Only to the scholarly few, intellectual giants to whom Carnataki music is the very breath of their life, is it given to fit and adapt some extraneous form into the framework of Carnataki music without prejudice to its distinctiveness.'

Thus observed Prof. D. Venkataswamy Naidu, Principal Maharaja's College of Music, Vizianagaram in his presidential address to the 15th Musical Conference held at Senate House, Madras on Monday.

Continuing Mr. Naidu said:—

"The place of our meeting is the citadel of Carnatic music, the home of the best composers of our own times; I refer to Bhakta Siromani Sri Papanasam Sivan and Sangeetha Ratnakara Sri Ariyakudi Ramanuja Iyengar; the place where the late Sri N. Kotiswara Iyer till recently mused his official and spiritual routine, where the late Tamil bard the undaunted Bharati sang his swan songs. The time of our meeting is unique in the history of the world.

KARNATAKI MUSIC

I do not claim to have done anything by way of research in Carnatic music. But I have been closely following recent trends in Carnatic music in the conferences of this Academy and elsewhere and in the press. I have in my own humble way tried to understand the grammar of Hindustani music and also of Western music. I have been trying to study the handling of the violin by Western savants to see whether a part of it can be imported into South Indian Music. But I must confess that my attempts so far in that direction have not been an unqualified success. For, whenever I tried to introduce some innovation during my practice hours, I found that the music lost its distinctive Carnatic stamp and became something else. Such music might perhaps be melodious to the ear but it has no appeal to the soul. I therefore came to the conclusion that Carnatic music, I may say Indian music, is something far different from Western music. It is music with a purpose. Its purpose is not to kindle this or that passion, to lull a baby into sleep or to please a monarch into making precious gifts; it has none of these earthly motives.

Carnatic music is the audible expression of the imprisoned soul of man trying to throw off its shackles and break open the prison bars of Samsara. Music is audible Tapas. Carnatic music is the practice of, perhaps, the easiest mode of attaining Moksha through the production of harmonious notes; it is the 'upasana' of the Nadabrahmam. Music is a form of yoga. The great masters of Carnatic music were yogis who obtained liberation through the practice of this yoga. This yoga nature of Carnatic music gives it a unique value in the life of man.

The true musician realises the real Self or Atman through his music. When you see a musician elaborating a single Raga for hours and sometimes for days together, he really forgets his lesser self and does not take notice of his surroundings. He transcends the artificial limitations imposed by man and he gets into communion with the Shapeless, the Conventionless and the Limitless. Such music elevates not only the singer but also the people around into the celestial regions of bliss and inexpressible happiness. Like the Rishis of old expressing themselves in our Itihasas and Puranas for the uplift of general humanity, the great yogis of music have sung immortal songs for the benefit of the man in the street.

THEME OF MUSIC

I have already stated that the appeal of our Indian Music is to the soul, that spark of the Infinite in every living being. The only theme that can appeal to the soul and elevate it is the song or praise of the Brahman of which it is an infinitesimal particle. Hence the classical songs of Purandara Dasa, Kshetragnya, Thyagaraja, Muthuswamy Dikshitar, Syama Sastri, and Jayadev always had God for their theme. Without that ideal, their songs would not have the mighty and universal appeal that they have. Have there not been and are there not reputed musicians who sing in praise of some great monarch or of some exquisite human beauty? Where are they? They are gone with the monarchs or the minstrels. What is their appeal? To some sensuous human sentiment. It is my earnest prayer that the musician should not be a mercenary; I consider it a sin to sell music.

APPEAL TO MUSIC FANS

All this may sound well in theory. But is it practicable in a struggling world, where one has to keep the wolf away from the door by hook or by crook? In the past, music was the patronage of kings. But now an ever-widening public sits in judgment over the unfortunate musician who has to cater to a varied and multifarious taste. The great exponent of any one aspect of music—Bhava, Raga or Tala—cannot have all his way in public. While I would appeal to fellow musicians to sacrifice some of their personal inclinations—I mean to Raga alapana or Pallavi—I cannot appeal too strongly to the public not to order their music, but to encourage the artist in his own particular path. Encouraged that way, the musician will sing divine music which will enthral the mind of man as did the magic flute of Lord Krishna.

INDIVIDUALITY OF CARNATIC MUSIC

Carnatic music has a unique charm as distinctive as the universality of the Vedas. At no time in the history of Carnatic music did we hear such a warning by Vidwans and the general public to keep Carnatic music pure. The great hold of the Talkie over the masses is a menace to the purity of Carnatic music whose fundamental feature is its gamakas. It is not everyone that can introduce an innovation into a system which has preserved its dynamic individuality from times immemorial. A 'star' may attempt to implant something catchy into Carnatic music but the graft has no chance of survival. Only to the scholarly few, intellectual giants to whom Carnatic music is the very breath of their life, is it given to fit and adapt some extraneous form into the framework of Carnatic music without prejudice to its distinctiveness. The impact of the march of times on our music as on any other department of human activity, is at once an evidence of its individuality, adaptability and dynamism. According to Venkatamakhi some 190 well-recognised 'Ragas' are known. Of these nearly 30 are not now in common vogue. It is said of Veerbhadrayya, who migrated from North India, that he made a good deal of reform in Carnatic music and brought it to its present form. Adappayya followed the foot steps of Veerbhadrayya and Syama Sastri was asked by his Guru to listen to the music of Adappayya. It is said of Sri Muthuswami Dikshitar, who spent seven years of his life at Benares that he imported a little from Hindustani music. That was how we got our Thodi, Ramakal, Rudrapriya, Khamas and Jenjuti. I wish to add my humble voice to the chorus of appeal to musicians songsters and songstresses to preserve the purity of Carnatic music.

FOLK SONGS

There is one department of music on which attention has been focused in the recent Conferences of this Academy, I refer to the question of Folk songs. I am afraid that, because of the tremendous change in our social manners, all may not go well with our folk-songs. It must be the task of one and all of us to devise proper means to preserve this invaluable treasure of folk-songs with its immense popular appeal. I would suggest that a strong committee of this house headed by that redoubtable champion of all good causes, Rao Bahadur Sri K. V. Krishnaswami Aiyar, be formed to collect, classify and edit folk-songs. I would appeal to fellow-delegates, particularly to my vocalist friends, to sing one or two of these folk-songs in every 'Kacheri.'

ACADEMY OF MUSIC

The art of music is very old in our country—as old as the Vedas. There are several reputed families in the hierarchy of Carnatic music. Today there are just a few music institutions and there is need for many more to meet the growing demand. As conditions obtain, more musicians are made in the home than in the schools and colleges; and they are people of merit. Formerly such people got their hallmark in the courts of princely patrons. But now they find no office to register their talents. I cannot conceive of a more competent and authoritative body than this Music Academy to judge the merit of musicians and to rank them. I would suggest the formation of a Fellowship of this Academy on the lines of Royal Society of England or the Indian Academy of Sciences. I would also plead for the award of diplomas by the Academy every year to candidates who seek its seal.

MY STOCKING

By D. F. KARAKA

To-morrow is Christmas day—and for the Christian world it marks the anniversary of the birth of the Lord. It is the day on which every little child hangs up his stocking and goes to bed wishing for all the things he wants. Yes, Christmas is the festival of the child—the children of the poor wishing for less than the children of the rich, but wishing just the same. And in that smile which covers his face, the bitterness and poverty seem to have faded away. Somewhere there is some kindly person who will do someone a kindly turn. Somewhere there is some warmth in spite of the snow and the cold and the frost. Somewhere there is food and even wine for the poor and the hungry. Somewhere people will laugh and others will wipe their tears away. And the candles will burn and there will be carols sung and under the mistletoe the young will feel the blood tingle in their veins. Such has been the meaning of Christmas for many a year now.

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But to-day there is an overshadowing gloom that spreads like a pall over this day of rejoicing. Somewhere to-day a woman will weep for her lost man, or a mother for her child. This world has lost so much in these two years of vandalism, during which we have seen so much destroyed. The peace of the world has been torn, limb by limb, and the health, wealth and happiness of mankind has been shattered beyond all recognition. What a horrid Christmas this makes!

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As I sit at my office table, I think I hear some soldier sing in some far off battlefield of Europe or those nearer ones far East. I hear him sing aloud but alone a new version of Cardinal Newman's hymn.

"Lead, kindly light, 'midst the encircling gloom,
Lead Thou me on
The night is dark and I am far from home,
Lead Thou me on;
Keep Thou my feet, I do not ask to see
My distant home; one step enough for me."

Yes—one step! One single step that will take him nearer to victory, or that will unfold for him again the vision of that far-off home where round the dining-table he had sat as a boy, with the logs crackling in the open fire, and the sweet smell of Christmas pudding and mince pie as it comes off the hot-plates with the aroma of burning rum. Yes, one step that will bring back to him this vision which is now blurred out of sight and out of mind, blurred by the smoke of bursting shells and obscured even from the mind as the debris is swept away. Everything that stood as a landmark has gradually been washed away.

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Yet the world goes on, hoping against hope that one day it will rebuild itself and that the light will shine again on those lives, which have been darkened by sorrow. One day there will come the millenium and the promise will at last be fulfilled and righteousness and truth and non-violence will be the creed of the world.

In that hope, too, will I hang my stocking.

ECONOMISTS IN CONFERENCE

At a time when we are passing through catastrophic changes both in the political and economic spheres it is of interest to learn that the leading economists and political scienists will meet in Bombay on 31st of this month and the following three days to discuss various topics of scientific importance in their respective subjects in the serene atmosphere of the University Convocation Hall and the lecture hall of the University School of Economics and Sociology. In spite of the admittedly academic character of such conferences in this country the public at large will certainly be interested in the discussion of subjects such as the economic functions of the State or the post-war economic reconstruction of India, subjects which are on the agenda of the Silver Jubilee session of the Indian Economic Conference and the Indian Political Science Conference. The Conferences are meeting under good auspices. Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas is inaugurating the joint conferences in the University Convocation Hall on the 31st instant. Mr. R. P. Masani, the Vice-Chancellor, who is Chairman of the Reception Committee, is taking a keen interest in the organisation. The Economic Conference will be presided over by Dr. J. P. Niyogi, University Professor of Economics, Calcutta University, and the Political Science Conference by Dr. V. S. Ram, University Professor of Political Science, Lucknow University. Another thing of importance is that the Jubilee session of the Economic Conference will avail itself of the opportunity to celebrate the centenary of the late Justice Mahadev Govind Ranade. Ranade, the pioneer in Indian economic studies and it is appropriate that Indian economists of the present generation should pay homage to the founder at this time.

An influential reception committee has been formed and besides the discussions, other functions are being organised in honour of the visitors to Bombay from different parts of the country. Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and Mr. R. G. Saraiya, Chairman, Bombay Provincial Co-operative Bank, have agreed to give garden parties to the members of the Conference: the members will visit the Reserve Bank of India, and have a sea-trip to Uran where

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WITHOUT COMMENT

"Now that the evil figure of Japan has appeared at India's gates, must we not make a fresh effort to bring a peaceful settlement to a United India? It is a terrible thing that when India is threatened, she should be crippled—which is a political fact—by a quarrel between us and her principal parties and leaders—both party and non-party. It is idle to speak, as ministers do, as though the only difficulty were the obstinacy of the Congress and the Muslim League, or a breach between these two."

—"Manchester Guardian."

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Several dozen conferences are being held this week all over India—History Conference, Geography Conference, Philosophical Conference, Vanjari Conference, Medical Conference, Students' Conference, Childrens' Conference, Philatelic Conference, etc., etc. We are, however, disappointed to find that the following conferences are not being held:—

(1) Jagirdars, Title-holders, and Government Pensioners Conference.

(2) Quacks, Astrologers and Palmists Conference.

(3) Ticketless Travellers Conference.

(4) Share Bazar Speculators Conference.

(5) Conference for Preservation of Communal Cricket.

(6) Athiests Conference.

(7) Hen-pecked Husbands Conference.

(8) Bachellors Conference.

(9) Bhook Bhojan Samaj Conference.

(10) Anjuman Qorma Pulao Conference.

(11) Conference to end all conferences.

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"It will not be pretended," says the London Times, "that the handling of the Indian problems by the British Government has always been happy."

Thanks for not pretending!

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The British "Union of Democratic Control" has suggested that the Viceroy should discuss the Indian problem with Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and Maulana Azad.

They forget that the Viceroy does not believe in democratic control!

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Isn't it remarkable that individually everybody in Britain seems to be demanding freedom for India but, collectively, they are as reluctant as ever to get rid of the White Man's Burden?

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The only hope for this country, it seems to us, is to try to bribe Premier Churchill with a shipload of Swadeshi cigars.

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Hitler is hoping to open a new front—after all his forces have retreated from Russia!

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The purpose of Mr. Churchill's visit to Washington, we are told officially, is "to defeat Hitlerism throughout the world."

Including even India? May one ask?

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If educational institutions are really meant to equip students for the battle of life (as it is claimed) then they must give training in bearing lathi charges.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(1) Mr Churchill has flown to Washington to discuss the Indian situation with President Roosevelt.

(2) After he has finished his business in America, Mr. Churchill will fly across the Pacific to India to convey President Roosevelt's personal message to Gandhiji. (This, however, may not be possible as the Censor is sure to find some subversive element in the message.)

FREEDOM

Strength of character in the race as in the individual consists mainly in the power of sacrificing the present to the future, of disregarding the immediate temptations of ephemeral pleasure for more distant and lasting sources of satisfaction. The more the power is exercised the higher and stronger becomes the character, till the height of heroism is reached in men who renounce the pleasure of life and even life itself for the sake of keeping or winning for others, perhaps in distant ages, the blessings of freedom and truth.

—SIR JAMES FRAZER,
"THE GOLDEN BOUGH".

Round-Up Of Maha-Sabha Leaders

1,200 Delegates Arrive At Bhagalpur For Banned Session

PRESS APPEAL TO GOVT. OF INDIA TO INTERVENE

BHAGALPUR, December 23.

Mr. V. G. Deshpande, Dictator of the Council of Action of the last Madura Session of the Hindu Mahasabha, and Mr. Ashutosh Lahiri, Secretary of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, were arrested at Colgang, 16 miles from here this evening on their way to Bhagalpur.

The total number of arrests so far in Bhagalpur city and suburb is about 20, including Mr. Narmadaeshwar Misra, Deputy Chairman of the Reception Committee.

It is understood that villages near about Bhagalpur have been advised not to proceed to Bhagalpur during actual session days, namely from December 24 to 27.

It is believed about 1,200 delegates have already arrived in Bhagalpur.—A.P.

Section 144 Enforced, & Police Keep Vigil

BHAGALPUR: Dec. 23.

Pandit Bharath Misra, Gen. Secretary of the Bihar Provincial Hindu Sabha, was arrested this morning for alleged breach of peace. Babu Satyanarain Prasad, Secretary, Reception Committee, was taken into custody under the Defence of India Rules.

A general round up of Hindu Mahasabha leaders is expected to-day, being the eve of the commencement of the annual session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha.

It is, however, assumed that all persons arrested in connection with the session would be released by the first week of January, 1942.

Section 144, Cr. P. C., forbidding the assembly of more than four persons and carrying of weapons has been enforced within the municipal area and following the enforcement police patrols have been posted in different streets of the town.

Incoming railway passenger trains and ferry steamers to Bhagalpur are being closely watched by the police and probable delegates to the session are being subjected to cross-examination at the wayside stations.

Hindu Mahasabha workers apprehend that Mr. V. D. Savarkar who is due here tomorrow, would be prevented from reaching Bhagalpur by the Government.—A. P.

R. C. Chariman Arrested

PATNA, Dec. 23.

Kumar Ganganand Singh, M.L.C., President of the Bihar Provincial Hindu Mahasabha and Chairman of the Reception Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha Conference, was arrested this afternoon at Darbhanga, according to a report received here.

Kumar Ganganand was ordered by the police on December 19th not to proceed to Bhagalpur in connection with the Mahasabha session.—A.P.

13 Volunteers Arrested

PATNA, Dec. 23.

Thirteen volunteers from Arrah, who were to have left for Bhagalpur to attend the annual session of the Hindu Mahasabha, have been arrested before their departure, according to a report received here.

A report from Gaya states that a printing press and a house were searched by the police and a number of undistributed leaflets seized.

A number of delegates have already left Patna for Bhagalpur to attend the session.—A.P.

KUSTORE BAN EXTENDED

PATNA, Dec. 21.

The Government of Bihar have extended by notification in a Gazette Extraordinary the order under Sec. 144 prohibiting the holding of meetings within the radius of one mile from boundaries of Raneegunj Coal Association's Collieries and other Collieries on strike in Kustore till June 22, 1942.—A.P.

Delegates Pouring In

BHAGALPUR, Dec. 23.

Plans are being made to hold the All-India Hindu Mahasabha session somewhere in Bhagalpur.

Delegates are pouring in from Muzaffarpur, Chapra, Darbhanga, the United Provinces, Bengal and other places.—United Press.

Oudh Contingent For Bhagalpur

LUCKNOW, Dec. 23.

Raja Maheshwar Dayal Seth, M.L.C., Working President of the Oudh Provincial Hindu Sabha, Lala Hari Ram Seth, Member of the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, along with the Lucknow contingent of Hindu Sabha delegates left for Bhagalpur to-night.—A.P.

FLEXIBLE STEEL CONDUIT-TUBES

American make 5/8"—Rolls of 100 feet eq. 29 lbs. heavy spear-head armour steel—U. S. A. patent 1845599. For samples and stocks apply Box 15528, "Bombay Chronicle."

Savarkar's Party Passes Through Allahabad

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President-elect of the Bhagalpur Session of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha passed through Allahabad this evening on his way to Bhagalpur.

He was accompanied by a large number of delegates and volunteers from different parts of the country.—A.P.

WILL GOVT. OF INDIA INTERVENE?

MADRAS, Dec. 23

Criticising the action of the Bihar Government in banning the Hindu Mahasabha session at Bhagalpur the "Hindu" says:—

Mr. Savarkar claims that the Mahasabha's right to hold the session at Bhagalpur is a legitimate civil right of the Hindus and as such should be protected by the Government and that claim, it is worthy of note, has been supported by such prominent Liberals as Sir P. S. Sivaswami Aiyer and the Rt. Hon. V. S. Srinivasa Sastri who point out that "the clear right of one community ought not to be placed at the mercy of another community."

We trust the Government of India will intervene before the obstinacy of the Bihar Government confirms the widespread popular impression that in this matter, they are not holding the scales even between the two communities and thus precipitate gravely unpleasant consequences.—A.P.

SAVARKAR APPEALS TO NON-HINDUS

Question Of Civic Rights

BOMBAY, Dec. 23.

An appeal to non-Hindu countrymen like Christians, Parsis and others to extend their sympathy and support to the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, which has entered a struggle to assert the fundamental rights of citizenship, is made by Mr. V. D. Savarkar, President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha, in the course of a statement to the "United Press" on the eve of his departure for Bhagalpur yesterday.

Mr. Savarkar says that so far as Maharashtra is concerned, the response received to his call for Hindu civil resisters has been overwhelmingly satisfactory. Almost every Hindu Sabha branch in Maharashtra has sent its foremost office-bearers to fight out the Bhagalpur campaign.

He adds that he did not mean it a challenge to the Government or any non-Hindu community, for Hindus shall hereafter assert their civic rights. Bhagalpur is bound to be the most successful session in India.

Mr. Savarkar calls upon non-Hindu countrymen like Christians, Parsis and others to extend their sympathy, "because the Hindu Mahasabha has entered the struggle to assert the fundamental liberties of citizenship against blackmail and fanatical hooliganism".—United Press.

Thatta League Chief Gets 2 Years

LAHORE, Dec. 23.

The clash between Muslim Leaguers and Congressmen on the occassion of a political conference held in Thatta, a village in Campbellpur District in June 1940 culminating in fatal injuries to a red shirt, was recalled to-day at the Lahore High Court, when a special bench consisting of Mr. Justice Diwan Ramalal and Mr. Justice Sale accepting the Government appeal sentenced Ghulam Mohammad, President of the Muslim League, Thatta, to two years' rigorous imprisonment.

The prosecution alleged that when Dr. Kitchlew, President-elect of the Conference, was being taken in a procession which included about 300 redshirts, about 15 Muslim Leaguers, led by accused Ghulam Mohammad, attacked the processionists with lethal weapon resulting in Saeed Wali, a redshirt being killed and some other processionists injured.—A. P.

RUSSO-JAPANESE RELATIONS.

TOKYO, Dec. 23.

A Japanese Government spokesman told a conference this morning (Tuesday) that "there has been no indications of any change" in the Soviet Government's attitude towards Japan.—Reuter.

ALL-OUT WAR PRODUCTION

Old Economic Barriers And Administrative Delays Must Be Eliminated

JOINT U. S. CANADA COMMITTEE'S PLAN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.

President Roosevelt has announced that a joint War Production Committee of Canada and the United States had unanimously adopted a declaration of policy calling for "a combined all-out war production effort and the removal of any barriers standing in the way of such an effort."

President Roosevelt added: "Through brute force and enslavement Hitler has secured a measure of integration and co-ordination of the productive resources of a large part of Europe. We must demonstrate that the integration and co-ordination of the productive resources of the continent America is possible through democratic process and free consent."

IMMEDIATE ACTION

President Roosevelt said that the declaration has "the approval of the Canadian War Cabinet. It has my approval. I have asked the affected departments and agencies of our Government to abide by its letter and spirit. I have requested Mr. Perkins, Chairman of the American Committee, to investigate the extent to which legislative changes will be necessary to give full effect to the declaration."

Seven-Point Plan

The Joint War Production Committee mentioned by President Roosevelt has made the following recommendations:

(1) Victory will require the maximum war production of both countries in the shortest possible time. Speed and the volume of war output, rather than monetary cost are the primary objectives.

(2) All our war production effort in both countries requires the maximum use of labour, raw materials and the facilities of each country.

(3) The achievement of maximum output and speed requires that the production and resources of both countries should be effectively integrated and directed towards the common programme of requirements for the total war effort.

(4) Each country should produce those articles in integrated programme of requirements which will result in the maximum joint output of war goods in the minimum of time.

(5) Scarce raw materials and goods which one country requires from the other in order to carry out the programme should be so allocated that such materials and goods will make maximum contribution in the shortest period of time.

(6) Legislative and administrative barriers including tariffs, import duties, customs and other regulations which prohibit, prevent, delay or otherwise impede the free flow of necessary munitions and war supplies between the two countries should be suspended or otherwise eliminated for the duration of war.

(7) The two Governments should take all measures necessary for the fulfilment of the foregoing principles."—Reuter.

A.-I. Women's Conference

Mrs. Pandit's Appeal To Delegates

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

Mrs. Vijai Lakshmi Pandit, President-elect of the All-India Women's Conference to be held at Cocanada on December 29, 1941 in a press statement says:—

"There appears to have been some misunderstanding in the minds of delegates that owing to the application of certain emergency measures in coastal towns, the Women's Conference at Cocanada was to be postponed. The Conference will take place as notified and the programme has not in any way been restricted.

"The world must go on in spite of wars and other difficulties. We must carry on our allotted tasks calmly and with such wisdom as we possess. It is only by this attitude that we can help those around us. The women of the warring countries are showing greatness in the face of grave danger. The women of India must not forget for a moment their responsibility at this hour.

"I am leaving Allahabad on 24th December and will arrive in Cocanada on the evening of 26th. I appeal to all delegates to attend the Conference.—A. P.

No Postponement Of Conference

COCANADA, Dec. 23.

The General Secretary of the Reception Committee informs the "Associated Press" that there is no foundation for the impression that All-India Women's Conference fixed to be held at Cocanada will be postponed. All arrangements are complete and the Conference will be held from 29th December according to the original programme.—A. P.

In Libya

37 ENEMY PLANES DESTROYED

Br. Mobile Columns Reach Coastal Plain, South Of Benghazi

CAIRO, Dec. 23.

It is officially announced that British mobile columns have reached the coastal plain of the Gulf of Sirte, south of Benghazi. Thirty-seven enemy planes have been destroyed.

To-day's British G. H. Q. "communique" says, "throughout yesterday, pressure upon the enemy holding positions covering Benghazi was steadily increased by the arrival of reinforcements while our mobile columns had reached the coastal plain of the Gulf of Sirte south of Benghazi.

It is now reported that along the whole line of the enemy's retreat west of Mekili, the countryside is littered with abandoned material.

Many Germans and Italians have been overtaken by our pursuing troops but with every attention concentrated upon the pursuit and destruction of enemy forces still in front of us the details of our captures are not yet available. Owing to extremely bad weather conditions the operations of our air forces were severely hampered. Nevertheless, transport moving southwest of Jedabya was successfully attacked, many vehicles being destroyed and considerable casualties caused to the enemy. During the night of 21st/22nd December, one of our mobile columns carried out a daring raid on an advanced enemy landing ground at Jedabya destroying no less than 37 aircraft on the ground."

Six More Enemy Ships Sunk

LONDON: Six more enemy transports or supply ships have been accounted for by submarines of the Mediterranean fleet, states an Admiralty "communique."

Polish Premier

CAIRO: The Polish Premier General Sikorski has arrived in Cairo from Russia.

Indian Artillery's Bravery

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

Over 60 German tanks were destroyed during the last few days before the British advance in Libya, by the Fourth Indian Divisional artillery, writes an Indian Army observer.

The determination with which the Indian artillery handled their guns and demonstrated their accuracy did much to clear the way for the enemy rout which is now taking place.

The indomitable courage of the Indian artillery was further proved when on several occasions they allowed the enemy tanks to approach within 600 yards before opening fire.—A. P.

MOVE FOR RELEASE OF MADRAS DETENUS

MADRAS, Dec. 23.

Government have decided that the cases of those persons who have been detained under the Defence of India Rules should be examined with a view to ascertaining whether it is necessary to detain them any longer.

The examination will commence from the 19th January 1942 and will be undertaken by the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Burn of the High Court of Judicature, Madras, whose services have been made available to the Government for this purpose by the Hon'ble the Chief Justice.

Each detenue will be furnished with a brief statement of the reasons for his detention and he will be permitted to make a written representation to the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Burn.—A. P.

CALCUTTA GAG FOR DR. BANERJI

CALCUTTA, Dec. 23.

Dr. Suresh Chandra Banerji, M.L.A., was served to-day with a notice by the Commissioner of Police, Calcutta, under the Defence of India Rules, directing him not to deliver any speech at, or otherwise take part in, any public procession, meeting or assembly in the town and suburbs of Calcutta.

The notice will remain in force for one year.—A. P.

KAMALADEVI FOR COCANADA

(From A Correspondent)

BARDOLI, Dec. 23.

Srimati Kamaladevi is leaving here to-morrow for Cocanada where she will participate in the delibrations of the annual sessions of the All-India Women's Conference. She reaches Cocanada on 27th instant. She is addressing a public meeting at Surat 'en route.'

Economists In Conference

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they will visit the Bharat Tile Factory. The most interesting feature of the Conference will be the presentation of the Silver Jubilee Souvenir to the members which, it is understood, will be an excellent record of the work of the Economic Conference during the last 25 years.

BATTLE OF SEBASTOPOL

Fierce Red Resistance Against Intensified German Pressure

NAZIS ON THE RUN IN OTHER SECTORS

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.

Fighting at the approaches to Sebastopol continues with unabated violence, states the "Izvestia" correspondent. The Germans are mustering reserves and intensifying their pressure, but they are encountering stubborn resistance everywhere.

Red Army units in co-operation with marines have recaptured one height. The position of the besieged city remains serious as the enemy does not weaken his onslaught.

Advance On Other Fronts

On the southern (Donetz) Front Soviet units recaptured 46 villages.

On the Leningrad Front detachments of skiers operating behind enemy lines are causing heavy losses to the Germans. Nazi divisions which are scattering in wooded areas are being mopped up by Soviet troops and Germans are found in forests frozen to death. The annihilation of surrounded German troops continues.

On the Moscow Front Red Army men and the Red Air Force are making a combined attack on strongly fortified German positions in the Maloyaroslavets Sector and Soviet infantry are moving forward

In the Tula Sector similar advances are reported, General Boldin's troops having recaptured 25 villages, despite Nazi counter-attacks.

Annihilation Continues

Soviet troops advancing westwards from Tikhvin on Leningrad have reached the Volkhov river 50 miles west of Tikhvin, according to the "Izvestia's" correspondent. They are pressing the Germans back beyond the river and have themselves crossed at some points. The Germans are being trapped in swamps and forests.

The Russians, in deep snow and blizzards at a temperature of 20 degrees below zero, are pursuing and annihilating the Nazis. The invaders are being driven westwards from Budogosh the capture of which was announced in a Soviet 'communique' on Sunday night. They are trying to put up resistance by blowing up roads and digging in but are unable to hold out. Fierce battles are being fought along the entire front.

Soviet Warship Hit?

BERLIN:— A German High Command 'communique' to-day reports "continued heavy battle on the Moscow Front", adding that a Soviet warship off Sebastopol was damaged by direct hits from the air.

In Libya "the battles which began yesterday in the Benghazi area are still in progress".

Fresh Legionaries

LONDON:—French Legionaries on the Eastern Front have been withdrawn from the firing line for rest, states an Official Vichy announcement quoted by the German radio.—Reuter.

GOVT. APPEAL FAILS

LAHORE, Dec. 23.

The Government appeal for the enhancement of the sentence passed against Mr. Khurshid Ahmad Minto, President of the Punjab Students' Federation, for delivering an alleged objectionable speech at a meeting held in Rawalpindi was dismissed to-day.

Mr. Minto had been sentenced to one year's R. I. under the Defence of India Rules but on appeal the Sessions Judge reduced the sentence to the term already undergone, i.e., four days.—A. P.

SATYAGRAHA IN CITY

Police Make No Arrests

BOMBAY, Tuesday.

A fresh batch of two Congressmen offered Satyagraha in the city to-day, bringing the total Satyagrahis since the release of political prisoners to ten. Mr. Kantilal B. Desai and Mr. Raghunath S. Bidaye who constituted to-day's batch were not arrested by the police.

The first Satyagrahi of the day, Mr. Desai came to Kalbadevi at 11-45 a.m., with the tri-colour in hand and raised anti-war slogans near the East India Cotton Association. He was garlanded by Mr. S. K. Patil and a large number of Congressmen from the ward, prior to his offering Satyagraha. Later, Mr. Desai marched through Tamba Kanta, Champa Galli, Parsi Galli, Princess Street, Nava Bazar, Cathedral Street, Kabutarkhana, C. P. Tank Road and terminated his Satyagraha at Hirabaug.

A large crowd followed the Satyagrahi along the route.

Mr. R. S. Bidaye, the second Satyagrahi of the day raised anti-war slogans in front of the B. B. and C. I. Railway Station, Dadar, at 6 p.m. He then marched through D'Silva Road, Lady Jamshedji Road and came back to the railway station via the Plaza Cinema. He raised the usual slogans at intervals. Mr. Bidaye was garlanded profusely on the way.

The next batch of Congressmen from Bombay will offer Satyagraha on January 2.

Sind Assembly

GOVT.'S FIRST DEFEAT

Congress Party's Amendment To Official Bill Passed

KARACHI, Dec. 23.

The Government suffered its first defeat during the present session to-day on an official Bill when the Congress Party's amendment deleting the system of nomination to sanitary committees in the province under the Village Sanitation Act was carried by twenty votes against 15.

Following this, the Minister for Local Self-Government did not move for the third reading of the Bill as elections in place of nominations would involve additional expenditure, which required the Governor's sanction under the Government of India Act.

The Assembly referred to a select committee the Local Board Act proposing to increase the local cess from one anna to two annas per rupee. The committee has been asked to report within two months.

Th House adjourned "sine die"

PROTEST TO GOVERNOR

On a short-notice question in the Sind Assembly to-day, the Hon. Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Premier, made a statement that the Governor of Sind appointed Mr. C. G. Hawes as Secretary to the Government in the P. W. Department on August 14 last against the advice tendered by the Minister concerned.

The Governor, the Premier added, did not act up to the advice tendered to His Excellency on the ground that the matter was within His Excellency's special responsibility under section 52 of the Government of India Act.

According to Khan Bahadur Allahbux, the orders for Mr. Hawe's appointment were issued by the Governor's Secretary direct to Mr. Hawe, instead of through the department concerned, which was the usual practice. The Minister concerned had, therefore, protested to the Governor.

DISMANTLING OF MALTI-BADIN LINE

In the Sind Assembly to-day Khan Bahadur Allahbux, Premier, announced that the Government of India, as a matter of urgent necessity on account of war needs, had decided to dismantle the broad guage Hyderabad-Badin Railway line from Malti to Badin, a distance of about 35 miles and the Sind Government had agreed to abide by the decision after some correspondence.

The Government of India, however, had assured the Sind Government that they would provide a narrow guage railway line from Malti to Badin at the earliest possible moment, most probably within six months.—United Press.

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The Half-Column By "Dim"

Mr. Churchill's second visit to the American President hardly evokes the same excitement as did the dramatic mid-Atlantic meeting on board the ill-fated "Prince of Wales." Once bitten, twice shy—we hardly dare prophesy what will be denied to us in the forthcoming White House Charter.

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From the news scrap-book, showing how world opinion expresses itself:—

MELBOURNE: The "Argus" urges editorially to-day that General Blamey, Deputy Commander-in-Chief, the Middle East, should be appointed as the Australian representative on the Singapore War Council. "We must put our point of view with authority which cannot be disregarded," the "Argus" declares.

This Empire!

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Congratulations to Mr. Collins, the Chief Secretary, on his appointment as Adviser to the Governor. I wish I could also have congratulated the Governor.

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KARACHI, (By Mail).

"The sitting of the Sind Assembly on Thursday last week was a day of great sensation when the former Minister Mr. G. M. Saiyid suddenly intervened in the course of the debate asking for an adjournment as Mr. Jinnah was dead at 1-30 p.m. that afternoon.

The Premier, who was visibly moved, asked the Speaker for a short adjournment to enable him to put forward a formal motion of condolence after ascertaining the truth.

Almost all had a good word to say of Mr. Jinnah.

Even as these tributes were being unofficially paid to his memory in the Legislative Assembly without the Speaker it was discovered by Khan Bahadur Allah Baksh that the report relied on by Mr. Saiyid was a hoax.

Therefore, Khan Bahadur Khuhro moved that that portion of the proceedings relating to Mr. Jinnah's alleged death be expunged from the proceedings."

May I say that such hoaxes are in very bad taste?

Bombay War Gifts Fund

Amount previously acknowledged: Rs. 75,02,537-5-4.

FOR THE R. A. F. Rs. 2,028—Half of the proceeds from the Supper Dance organised by Miss S. Kelly, Principal, Hill Grange School, Bombay, at Hill Grange on the 12th inst. Rs. 250—Mr. A. Rehman, the Manager, Jan's Amusement Park, Bandra, through the Bombay Suburban Defence Loans Committee.

Including smaller amounts grand total on Tuesday Rs. 75,08,919-0-4.

Great Progress Of "Cipla"

DR. K. A. HAMIED ON HANDICAPS OF PHARMACEUTICAL AND CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES

At the sixth annual general meeting of "Cipla Laboratories Limited," Bombay, Dr. K. A. Hamied, M.L.C., Chairman, referred to the great progress made by it and announced that the Directors were considering the scheme of starting a new purely chemical factory with a capital of Rs. 25 lakhs. A dividend of 6 per cent was declared and the meeting adopted the Directors' Report and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended October 31, 1941. Dr. A. T. Shroff and Mr. S. Sulaiman were re-elected Directors. Mr. Shuaib Qureshi was also elected a Director.

Dr. Hamied in his speech as Chairman said:—

Before I proceed with the business of the meeting I have to inform you with deep regret of the very sad demise of Mr. Misbah-ul-Islam, one of the Directors of your Company. Mr. Islam was a substantial shareholder of our Company and took a very keen interest in its affairs. He was a leading businessman of Cawnpore whose untimely and sudden death is mourned by us all.

The Report of the Directors and the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1941, have been with you for the prescribed period. I take them with your permission as read.

GREAT PROGRESS MADE

I have much pleasure to inform you of the great progress made by your Company during the year under review. The profits made by your Company during the year amounted to Rs. 1,77,007 as compared to Rs. 39,614 in the previous year. From the Audited Statement of Accounts you must have noticed with great satisfaction that the deficit due to the loss incurred by the Company in previous years has been completely written off. Due to this fact the dividend this year could not be more than 6%. I hope that if the present progress of the Company is maintained you may expect larger dividends in the future.

The results although very satisfactory could have been better if there were no restrictions imposed on the export of drugs outside India even to countries within the British Empire, such as, Ceylon, Palestine, Egypt, etc. There was also much difficulty in obtaining Laboratory apparatus and Plant and Machinery. Happily, some Glass Factories in Calcutta are now manufacturing very good Chemical Apparatus and have to a great extent fulfilled our needs. As regards Plant and Machinery I am glad that our own Workshops with the help of expert workmen were able to supply all our requirements. We were also very much handicapped for lack of sufficient space. Every inch of available ground in the present premises has been utilised in construction of sheds and laboratory rooms. This has to a great extent met our needs but still we have difficulties in expanding our manufacturing activities.

RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF BASIC CHEMICALS

Besides this the restrictions put by Government on the import of basic chemicals from America added to the already existing difficulties of production. You all know that Chemical Industry in India is yet in its infancy. Even the biggest and the oldest Pharmaceutical Works of our country, not to say of the smaller ones, are entirely dependent on raw materials and basic chemicals from foreign countries. To put restrictions on import of basic chemicals for manufacturing purposes at this stage and so suddenly is a great hindrance to the activities of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers.

With the entry of America into War the sources of supplies of basic chemicals in my opinion are very limited. How the Pharmaceutical Industries will be affected by this new situation no one can foretell. There is one satisfaction, however, that with increasing difficulties in obtaining supplies the existing Manufacturers will have to utilize more and more Indian raw materials for producing basic chemicals.

NEW CHEMICAL FACTORY

Like all other Industries the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries have developed to some extent due to War but this progress is very insignificant when compared to the needs of India. Government have indirectly helped the Industries by placing War orders with Indian Manufacturers. But the Government have not directly helped the establishment of new Industries by subsidising large scale Industries which cannot be started without the help of the Government. There is a vast unexplored field for Chemical Manufacturers in this country. No other Industry has a surer and brighter future than the Chemical Industry. There is a possibility for your Company to undertake the manufacture of a number of chemicals, raw products for which are available in India. For this purpose your Directors are considering to start a new purely Chemical Factory with a capital of Rs. 25 lakhs, either as part of this Company or a separate concern with which your present Company may be ultimately amalgamated. This work is well in hand and will be placed before you either at the next meeting or at a special meeting to be called for this purpose. All however depends on the political situation which at the moment has taken a very grave turn but I am certain that all will end well and we shall be able to overcome the difficulties that we may have to face as a result of this grave situation in the East.

As the cost of living has increased during the year the Management decided to pay a dearness allowance of 10% to the workers from the month of September. We have also started a Provident Fund from this year for the benefit of the staff and workers for the Company.

Before I conclude I think it is my duty to express great appreciation of the Directors and the Shareholders, of the devoted work of the Company's staff in the Offices and Laboratories of the Company as well as Sales Depots all over India.

BOMBAY PORT TRUST MEETING

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Port of Bombay held on 23rd inst., the Chairman, Mr. H. K. Kirpalani, I.C.S. informed the Board that, as had been announced in the morning papers, his association with the Port Trust would shortly come to an end and that was the last occasion that he had the honour of presiding over the deliberations of the Board. He expressed his sincere thanks to each and every one of the Trustees for the help and co-operation which they had extended to him.

Sir Purshotamdas Thakurdas, moved a Resolution placing on record the Trustees' cordial appreciation of the valuable work of Mr. Kirpalani as Chairman during a period of 3-1/4 years. He said that the Trustees valued the tact and patience with which Mr. Kirpalani had conducted the deliberations of the Board and wished him continued success in the new position to which he was being called. The motion, which was seconded by Mr. Bullock and supported by Mr. Morarji, was passed unanimously.

The Board approved the selection by the Governing Body of the I.M.M.T.S. "Dufferin" of Senior Cadet Captains D. C. Mitter and Swaraj Parkash for the two scholarships awarded annually by the Bombay Port Trust and tenable for three years each.

A 50-year lease of about 575 square yards of land on Mody Bay Estate was granted to Mr. D. C Nazir for offices, residences and godowns for storage of non-hazardous goods; also a renewal for 10 years of leasehold Rent Roll No. 1027 (about 4,779 square yards) on Elphinstone Estate to the Burmah-Shell Oil Storage and Distributing Co., of India Ltd.

PORTRAIT OF THE MAHARAJA OF KASHMIR PAINTED BY MR. E. A. BHIWANDIWAL LA.

MUCH TRAVELLED INDIAN ARTIST

Mr. Bhiwandiwalla, F. R. S. A., Returns To Bombay After 12 Years

An interesting visitor to Bombay from the art coterie of Bengal is Mr. Erach A. Bhiwandiwala F.R.S.A.

Mr. Bhiwandiwala recently gave an exhibition of his paintings to select visitors at Srinagar where he painted a portrait of His Highness the Maharaja, which is reproduced here.

Mr. Bhiwandiwala, who has worked in the leading studios of Europe and America for a number of years and gained. Lord Northbrook and Tata Scholarships, was a pupil of Sir John Lavery, R.A., and an art student of the London University College and Academi de la Clouse, Paris, and has the distinction of being F.R.S.A., has travelled extensively round the world with the object of quenching his thirst for knowledge and study of Art Galleries.

He can claim amongst his sitters royalties princes, members of British Peerage and Parliament such as the Countess of Howe, Viscount Curzon, Lady Chelmsford the Aga Khan, Mr. George Lansbury, Mr. S. Saklatvala, M. P., Governors of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, the Maharajas of Kashmir Faridkot, Patna, Mourhang, Sonepure, Jubbal, etc.

Mr. Bhiwandiwalla is visiting Bombay after 12 years' absence. He was at one time an Accountant of the Central Bank of India, Calcutta Branch, but urged by his inner instincts he threw off his job and travelled widely in Europe and America to train himself as a painter.

Community Of Interest Shared Alike By Different Races

HYDERABAD HARMONISES CONCEPTS OF TWO CULTURES WHICH HAVE FOUND ONE HOME

HYDERABAD (Dn.), Dec. 22.

"It is a legacy the variety of which itself speaks of the diversity of its sources, but the continuity of its evolution endows it with a community of interest shared alike by different races," observed Nawab Ali Yavar Jung Bahadur, Secretary of the Constitutional Affairs of H.E.H. the Nizam's Government, presiding to-day over the meeting of the Deccan History Section of the Indian History Congress at the Arts College of the Osmania University.

Continuing the President said: "In its associations with the great scenes of the Ramayana and the Maharashtra and the great poets abode of the earliest writers of Maharashtra and tht great poets of the language of Kanada, in the fact of its expression in colour and its symbolism in form on the rocks of Ajanta and Ellora, and again, in its noble ruins of the Madrasah of Mahmud Gawan at Bidar the library of Malik Amber at Aurangabad, in the great dams of recent times constructed to contain reserves of water for the peasant and in architecture such as you find in this building, harmonising the concepts of the two great culture which have found one home, in all these and many more we have common objects of pride, and the resulting heritage belongs to one and all of us equally."

In conclusion, Nawab Ali Yavar Jung Bahadur said: "It is not mere isolationism or the assertion of a kind of Monroe doctrine which we have seen buried in our own days in the very place of its birth. The independence of Nizam-ul-Mulk did not come in the way of his marching to the defence of Delhi against an Iranian invader, and to-day the armed forces of his seventh successor are fighting against an even greater menace to the integrity of India. They signify the bonds which unite us with the rest of India, and the homage we pay to the continuance of the unity of Indian history."—United Press.

An idea of the extraordinary difficulties of military transport through the thick jungles of the Thai-Malay frontier can be had from the top picture of men of the Burma Rifles transporting automatic weapons through the jungles on mules. Below, Indian horsemen are seen engaged in patrol work in the rugged frontier country.

MUTT AND JEFF—It Looks As If Jeff is Holding the Front by Himself — By BUD FISHER

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PROFITEERS' SHOPS TO BE ATTACHED

Arrangements Made For Adequate Supply Of Essential Commodities: Controller Empowered To Fix Maximum Prices

Since the entry of Japan into the war vendors of commodities in Bombay have shown a tendency to put up prices. The expectation of a temporary shortage in some commodities caused by transport difficulties has led to undue inflation of prices and unjustified profiteering.

Government have taken prompt measures to arrange for priority for supplies of wagons on both the B. B. and C. I and G. I. P. lines for bringing in supplies of charcoal, wheat and jowar. If, in spite of these adequate arrangements, merchants fail to bring down the price of charcoal to a reasonable level, the maximum prices will be fixed by the Controller of Prices, Bombay, without delay. Powers are being delegated to the Controller of Prices to fix the maximum prices of foodstuffs and other commodities essential for the life of the community.

The Provincial Transport Board is making arrangements for the regular import into Bombay of adequate supplies of essential commodities. If a temporary restriction on booking has to be placed for defence purposes, every effort will be made to correct the deficits in the normal supply as soon as bookings are reopened.

In view of this assurance, Government hope that merchants will not raise prices whenever a temporary shortage occurs or enter into forward contracts at rates in excess of the normal prices. If, in spite of this warning, prices are unreasonably increased, Government will promptly control prices.

HELP TO MERCHANTS.

Government are reluctant to interfere with the normal organisation of trade and commerce and are always prepared to give every assistance in these abnormal times to merchants to overcome the difficulties which they may encounter. Government hope that merchants in return will reciprocate and co-operate in Government's efforts to stabilise and maintain the price position at a reasonable level. Government acknowledge the help given hitherto by responsible trade associations in maintaining supplies at reasonable prices.

In the case of those trades which have no recognised association, merchants should not hesitate to acquaint Government in time with their difficulties. The Secretary to the Government, General Department, who is the Secretary of the Board of Transport and is in charge of price control, and also the Controller of Prices, are always accessible to trade associations.

Government have, however, a primary duty to the community in general to protect it from exploitation by profiteers and Government will not hesitate to use all the powers at its command for this purpose promptly and firmly. Government are prepared, if necessary, not only to fix maximum prices of the commodities essential for the life of the community and to prosecute offenders, but if the need arises also to take possession of premises, commandeer stocks and in the last resort to import and distribute commodities.

Government, however, hope that the good sense of the business community of Bombay will prevail and that they will not create a situation that will compel Government to take control.

Government Wants Open Lorries For A.R.P.

Now that the war danger is approaching nearer to India, the Government of Bombay will require a large number of motor vehicles for the use of its A.R.P. Services to ensure that the public are given adequate and speedy protection against the dangers from enemy air raids.

In particular, motor vehicles of the following types will be essential—lorries with open truck bodies which will be used to carry the crews and equipment of the Rescue Parties whose work it is to rescue persons trapped in demolished building, etc.; motor vans which can be converted as ambulances to carry injured persons to hospitals; private cars, which will be used to convey slightly injured persons to their homes; and motor cycles for the use of despatch riders.

The Government would greatly appreciate it if public-spirited motor owners would offer their vehicles to the Government for the purposes outlined above in the event of an emergency arising, and for occasional exercises in the meanwhile.

It is understood, of course, that the Government will pay rent and compensation for damage for vehicles taken over during an emergency though offers to lend vehicles free of rent will be very gratefully accepted.

It would also be very helpful if owners and or employes would come forward for enrolment and training, in which case they would be welcome to drive their own vehicles in an emergency. The training is not arduous and consists of a short course of not more than two or three hours' duration, mainly concerned with the duties to be performed.

5,000 SIKHS OBSERVE GOBIND SINGH DAY

Condemn Govt. Restriction On Length Of Kripans

Under the auspices of Gurusingh Sabha Bandra, Guru Gobindsingh day was observed at Bandra on Sunday and about 5,000 Sikhs took part.

A huge procession was led by Bombay Akali dal, in which all the Sikh Sabhas participated; thereafter a meeting was held, Sardar Partapsingh and Sardar Ramsingh severely condemned the action of the Bombay Government in restricting the wearing of Kirpan upto 9 inches length only in Bombay Province. A resolution protesting against the policy was passed and sent to Government accordingly

Difficulties Of Indian Industries

The half-yearly general meeting of the members of the Association of Indian Industries, Bombay, was held on December 17 Rajmitra Md. B. D. Amin presided.

The President in his address referred to the various difficulties experienced by the Association and the unsuccessful representations made by them to the Government.

He hoped that the Government of India would launch a well-planned programme calculated to encourage the starting of new industries. Mr. C. S. Patel, the Vice-President of the Association also spoke at the meeting.

EXODUS FROM CALCUTTA CONTINUES

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

Although there now appears to prevail a general feeling of belief among the public in Calcutta in regard to the war situation, it is noticed that the congestion of those desiring to go out of the city with their women and children on the E. I. and B. N. Railways continues to be very heavy.

The E. I. Railway have been arranging special trains regularly everyday and have strengthened the composition of all the trains.

But in spite of all this it appears that the pressure at the stations, on the approach roads to the station and on the platform continues to be very heavy, and it seems to be the highest at the booking and reservation offices.

Heavy pressure was also noticed on all mail and express trains on the B. N. Railway, particularly on the Madras Mail and Puri Express.—A. P.

Renewal of Govt. Signature

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, December 22.

With reference to the representations from the Commercial Bodies protesting against the proposal to renew the Government of India's signature to the International Sugar Convention which expires in April next, I understand that the Government of India are now engaged in consulting the Provincial Governments concerned. The question will also be brought up for consideration at a meeting of the newly constituted Sugar Board to be held in the next month at New Delhi, before the Government of India take a final decision

Prize Distribution of Government High School, Broach

BROACH: December 23.

The annual prize distribution ceremony of the R. S. Dalal (Govt.) High School, Broach, was held on the Govt. Hostel grounds on Saturday evening under the presidentship of Mr. Manilal K. Desai, a leading citizen of Broach and a prominent Pleader of Gujarat.

After an interesting programme of sports was gone through by the pupils the Headmaster, Mr. R. C. Divan, made a speech, wherein he stressed the need of physical and moral training of the pupils side by side with mental training. He also pointed out how the elected representatives of the students under the guidance of the teachers were successfully helping the school authorities in the various activities of the school. He invited the co-operation of the guardians to make the work of the school more efficient.

After distributing the prizes to the winners, the president remarked that the Gujaratis did not pay adequate attention to the physical education of the boys. He added that, if the Indians wanted to stand comparison with other advanced nations, an all-sided development of the students, who were the future citizens of India, was a "sine qua non." After an appeal by the President to the audience to help the British Government in war efforts, the proceedings terminated.

HINDU-MUSLIM JOINT FUND

Sapru On Two-Century-Old Common Heritage Of Urdu

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 22.

"I look upon Urdu as an ancestral joint fund which is owned and possessed by Hindus and Muslims alike in equal share and which therefore deserves to be protected, improved and augmented by both", observed Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru, presiding over the formal inauguration yesterday of the Anjuman-Rooh-i-Adab, an association for the promotion of Urdu language and literatures. He said that language had neither nationality nor caste.

TWO CENTURIES OLD

Sir Tej continued that Urdu had been in vogue for more than two hundred years in the Punjab and the United Provinces and during that period its stock had expanded all along and Hindi, Sanskrit, Arabic, Persian, English, French and Portuguese words had become embodied in it. He thought it was impossible for Hindus to discard it and start using Sanskrit or Hindi for speaking and writing. He said that by saying so he did not mean that Muslims should not study Arabic or Persian and Hindus should not Sanskrit or Hindi.

BOND OF SOCIAL INTERCOURSE

Urdu, concluded Sir Tej was a bond of social intercourse and with the shaping of that bond of the common civilisation and culture in whose nurturing Hindus and Muslims had participated alike differences would disappear. Hindus and Muslims he pointed out, had a common civilisation and apart from religious and political differences there were many points of unity for them both. That was why, he said, he had advised the establishment of the association so that Hindus and Muslims seated together might be able to express their thoughts and enjoy life in amity while upholding their joint civilisaton.—A.P.

LIFE OF TRAVANCORE LEGISLATURES EXTENDED

TRIVANDRUM, Dec 22.

The Government of Travancore has extended the period of continuance of both houses of Travancore Legislature viz. Sri Mulam Assembly and Sri Chitra State Council upto June, 1943. The life of the houses is thus extended by one more year.—A P.

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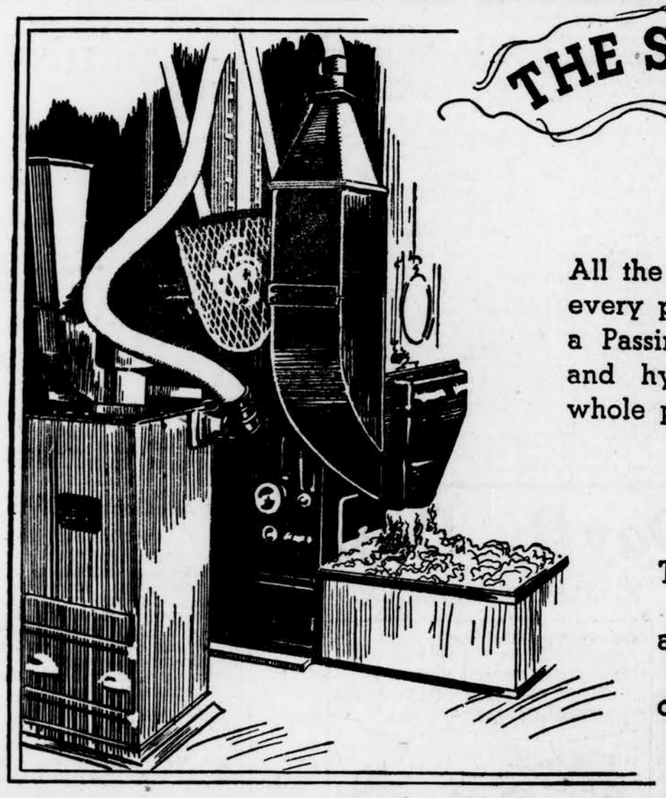

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CHURCHILL & BEAVERBROOK IN AMERICA

Fateful Parleys For Next Few Days

Conference Between All Non-Aggression Powers To Follow Present Talks

UNITY OF COMMAND AND CO-ORDINATION OF PLANS TO BE SECURED

WASHINGTON, December 23.

Mr. Churchill arrived accompanied by Lord Beaverbrook and a technical staff.

Mr. Churchill is now conferring with President Roosevelt at the White House.

In a statement President Roosevelt said there was one primary objective of Mr. Churchill's visit, namely, the defeat of Hitlerism throughout the world.

Conversations are to be held during the next few days between the President and the respective staffs of the two countries

It is understood that Mr. Churchill is accompanied besides Lord Beaverbrook by Admiral Sir Dudley Pound, Mr. J. G. Winant, American Ambassador in London, Mr. Averell Harriman, Roosevelt's personal representative, Field Marshal Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff and Air Chief Marshal Sir Charles Portal, Chief of the Air Staff.

Following is the text of the announcement made in Washington:

"The British Prime Minister has arrived in United States to discuss with the President all questions relevent to the concerted war effort.

Mr. Churchill is accompanied by Lord Beaverbrook and a technical staff.

Mr. Churchill is the guest of the President.

A Roosevelt-Churchill conference will be the preliminary to further parleys which, it is officially announced, include Russia, China, the Netherlands and the British Dominions.

Roosevelt's Statement

The text of President Roosevelt's statement on the objectives of the talks reads, "there is, of course one primary objective in conversations to be held during the next few days, between the President and the British Prime Minister and the respective staffs of the two countries. That purpose is to defeat Hitlerism throughout the world.

It should be remembered that many other nations are engaged to-day in this common task. Therefore, the present conference at Washington should be regarded as a preliminary to further conferences, which will officially include Russia, China the Netherlands and the Dominions.

It is expected there will thus be evolved over all unity in the conduct of the war. Other nations will be asked to participate to the best of their ability in the over all objective. It is probable that no further announcement will be made until the end of the present conference but it may be assumed that the other interested nations will be kept in close touch with this preliminary planning."

America Electrified

News of the sensational arrival of Mr. Churchill electrified Americans throughout the country as radios broke into their programmes to proclaim it to them even more than last summer's Atlantic meeting with President Roosevelt.

Dinner tables throughout America buzzed with conversation in which admiring comment was heard on all sides on the Prime Minister's daring trip across the Atlantic for a second meeting with President.

Washington has been full of rumours since Monday, first reports declaring that Mr. Churchill landed at Baltimore from a British clipper yesterday but this was later denied.

At the White House during his stay he will confer with President Roosevelt and these men as representatives of two great Allies are expected with technical assistance to plan a grand strategy for handling the Far Eastern situation.

Commons Not Surprised

The Prime Minister's Atlantic journey will scarcely have surprised the House of Commons even if they did not learn of it in the secret session last week, says Reuter's Parliamentary correspondent

The absence of Mr. Churchill from the Government front bench and the consistency with which Mr. Attlee answered his questions before the adjournment did not pass unnoticed, though members were diplomatically blind to the absence and showed commendable restraint in not demanding the Prime Minister's presence when answers were not to their liking.

The personal contact established between Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt will be welcomed on all hands.

There is plain anxiety on many aspects of the war in the Pacific and the prospect that when Parliament reassembles the Prime Minister may be able to give first hand replies to the many questions which are being asked in parliamentary circles during the recess will do much to prevent from getting out of hand the demand for a firmer grip on the needs of all theatres of war.

Photographed Together

Historic pictures were made of Mr. Churchill and President Roosevelt at the entrance to the White House where they posed together for photographers immediately on their arrival. Mr. Churchill firmly gripping his familiar walking stick and President Roosevelt grinning broadly as both exchanged occasional words before the cameras. Immediately Mr. Churchill then replaced his cigar in his mouth and both turned away and entered the White House.

While no details have been divulged of the programme which will come under discussion, the composition of the British representation and the presence of technical experts point to full discussion of every aspect of the war effort, military, political and supply.

Public opinion as voiced both in the press and Parliament has for some time past been urging close co-ordination in all spheres of the war strategy of the powers fighting aggression.

The announcement of the Prime Minister's visit to the President will, therefore, be welcomed by all sections of the British public with the liveliest satisfaction.—Reuter.

CHURCHILL MAY VISIT CANADA

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.

Mr. MacKenzie King has announced that he has been invited to go to Washington during Mr. Churchill's visit although the exact time is not yet decided.

Mr. MacKenzie King stated that he had been communicating with both President Roosevelt and Mr. Churchill prior to the latter's arrival in Washington.

He did not say whether he was joining them.

Later Mr. MacKenzie King said that he communicated with Mr. Churchill at Washington.

Interviewed by Reuter Mr. MacKenzie King said that he hoped Mr. Churchill will be able to visit Ottawa before returning to London.—Reuter.

NO FORWARD DEALINGS IN WHEAT

Government of India Ban

NEW DELHI, Dec. 23.

THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA HAVE PROHIBITED FORWARD DEALINGS IN WHEAT, IT IS ANNOUNCED IN A GAZETTE OF INDIA EXTRAORDINARY.

WHEAT COMMISSIONER

It is learned that Mr. Y. N. Sukthanker, at present Tea Controller for India, who has been appointed Wheat Commissioner, has been asked to take up his new appointment without delay. Pending the appointment of a permanent incumbent, Rai Bahadhur Ladli Pershad is being posted to hold temporary charge of the post of Tea Controller.—A. P.

Hitler May Open Another Front

Assumption Of Supreme Command Presupposes New Move

VICHY, Dec. 23.

The retirement of Field Marshal von Brauchitsch and the assumption of the Army Command by Hitler "might well be the signal for an important and even decisive military action in another operation theatre than the Soviet Front", is the assumption made by a Wilhelmstrasse spokesman, according to the Berlin correspondent of a newspaper.

He did not conceal, says the correspondent, that the new organisation of the German High Command would have a great influence on the conduct of the army and its fighting forces.

According to the German spokesman the direction of the army will revive a fresh, formidable impulse. Important events may be expected and decisive operations ensue that will not be limited to the eastern front.

The correspondent of the "Baslernachrichten" reporting the statement, emphasises that Berlin official circles attach much importance to the entry of Japan into the war as destined to play a preponderant role in German military plans, says a telegram to the Vichy News Agency.

This report says, "The fact that Field Marshal Keitel remains at his post proves that he retains Hitler's complete confidence for carrying out operations in the east. On him and on Hitler rests the whole responsibility of military power."—Reuter.

HITLER HAD DRAWN PLANS FOR PUPPET GOVTS. IN RUSSIA

HAS LOST TWO MILLION TROOPS ON SOVIET FRONT

War May Last For Four Years, Says Agronsky, Who Pays High Tribute To Indian Troops

KARACHI, Dec. 22.

A WARM TRIBUTE TO INDIAN TROOPS TAKING PART IN THE MIDDLE-EAST CAMPAIGN WAS PAID BY MR. MARTIN AGRONSKY, CORRESPONDENT OF THE COLOMBIA BROADCASTING SYSTEM, ANKARA, WHO ARRIVED IN KARACHI.

MR. AGRONSKY SAID THAT INDIAN TROOPS WITH WHOM HE HAD BEEN IN LAST ACTION IN LIBYA, WERE SPLENDID FIGHTERS AND THEIR SHOCK TROOPS HAD DONE EXCELLENT WORK.

He ridiculed the idea that German withdrawals in Russia were for strategic reasons and for a "Rationalisation" of their lines.

"The Germans are not likely to give up one inch of territory they have taken unless they are forced to do so," he said.

The Russian Army is very powerful and so far they had accounted for at a very conservative estimate, two million Germans in killed, and wounded and prisoners.

Russian losses severe as they have been, would not affect them materially, considering their vast military potentialities.

Hitler, when he entered the war with Russia, had calculated on internal revolution and disintegration of the Soviet. He had even drawn plans for setting up puppet government in the various units of Russia and schemes of conscription in those territories and for economic administration.

He even took with him to the front another "Quisling", one from Ukraine, but Hitler's plans did not work and instead of disintegration, the war brought about a complete unification of the people of Russia.

Discussing further the move of Hitler's war machine, Mr. Agronsky considered that three courses were open to Hitler: namely, a break through the Caucasus into Persia, secondly, to over-run Turkey and march into Iraq and Syria at the same time attacking the Russians in the rear and thirdly, with the co-operation of the French fleet, advance along land through North Africa into the Middle-East.

He felt the Germans would not attempt an invasion of Britain now, as that was exactly what the British wanted and England is fully prepared for it.

He said the present drive of the British in Libya was going on very well though a lot slower than expected and it would not stop till the Allies reached the French frontiers.

Coming to the Pacific, Mr. Agronsky said though things looked black at present the Allies were sure to hold the Japanese beyond Singapore until the American Fleet and Air Force were able to take the initiative and drive back the Japanese.

Mr. Agronsky also made a reference to the Indian situation and said, while many people in Britain felt that India ought to be given greater political independence, they have all agreed that the political problems would have to wait till the end of the war.

Their immediate pre-occupation was successful conduct of the war and to this extent the Indians should agree to compromise.

Set Up Popular Govt. In India, Pleads Br. Democratic Union

Appeals To Viceroy To Discuss Solution With Azad & Nehru

LONDON, Dec. 23.

THE SUGGESTION THAT THE VICEROY SHOULD DISCUSS THE INDIAN PROBLEM WITH PANDIT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU AND MAULANA ABUL KALAM AZAD IS CONTAINED IN A STATEMENT PUBLISHED BY THE UNION OF DEMOCRATIC CONTROL AND ENTITLED "TOWARDS SETTLEMENT IN INDIA."

The Union also suggests that the Viceroy should form a new Cabinet fully representative of Indian opinion and commanding the widest popular support and finally proposes that to facilitate this there should be immediate release of political prisoners except of those who would endanger India's safety by their release.

The statement says that the above mentioned Congress leaders may be willing to discuss a new basis of settlement, provided they find reciprocal readiness to recognise India's full partnership in the war and her right to settle her own destiny when external victory is won.

The statement is signed among others by Rev. Hewlett Johnson, Dean of Canterbury, Lord Strabolgi, Parliamentarian Mr. Creech Jones, Professor H. J. Laski, Lady Layton, Sir John Maynard, Mr. H. N. Brailsford, Professor William Brierley and J. F. Horrabin.

INITIATIVE RESTS WITH INDIA. SAYS "TIMES."

The session of the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress which opens today and the meeting of the All-India Moslem League later this week will be dominated by two events says "The Times" in an editorial article.

These are the release of Civil Disobedience prisoners and spread of the war to the Far East.

The former has provided a bridge whereby the gap between the Government and the Congress could be spanned. Japanese aggression had made the building of such a bridge imperative and it has brought home to India the inescapable realities of power in international relations.

"The Japanese advance to the very borders of India and dangers imminently threatening the country have compelled every sincere, clearsighted Indian to recognize the defence of his country as a problem of primary, and overwhelming importance.

The situation confronting Britain and India have equal and common interest in repelling the Japanese threat. The wholehearted collaboration of political parties would bring powerful material and moral reinforcement to the already magnificent war effort of India

The fullest and most unreserved participation of Indians in the work of defending India and other countries, whose cause is bound up with hers, WILL PROVIDE THE STRONGEST ARGUMENT FOR THE INDEPENDENCE OF INDIA UNDER WHATEVER CONSTITUTIONAL FORMS IN FUTURE.

"It will not be pretended that the handling of the Indian problems by the British Government has always been happy. But the policy of placing on Britain at every point the onus of taking the initiative and of putting forward proposals which are then submitted to purely destructive criticism is and will remain barren of achievement, however skilfully it may be pursued by leaders of the Congress and the League.

The next move rests with the Congress and the League. If our correspondent is right in hoping that constructive and co-operative policies may emerge from the present regroupings of Indian opinion a quick and wholehearted response to them in this country will leave no doubt of the sincerity of British intentions

HUGE JAPANESE POPULATION IN HAWAIIAN ISLANDS

273 Aliens Interned As Suspects

HAWAII, Dec. 23.

The Commanding General of the Hawaiian Department reports that 273 Japanese aliens are now interned. Out of a total population of 425,000 in the Hawaiian Islands, 160,000 are of Japanese ancestry and of these 35,000 are aliens.

For the most part the Japanese population in Hawaii has given no evidence of disloyalty. However as reported by the Secretary for the Navy, Col. Knox, on his return from his recent trip to Hawaii, there is strong evidence to support the belief that some Japanese were engaged in "fifth column" activity and provided the enemy with valuable military information prior to the surprise attack on Pearl Harbour.

These activities were entirely confined to Japanese residents, all other elements of the population as well as a great majority of the Japanese are remaining loyal to the United States.

There were no fifth columnists among members of the armed services in Hawaii.

All Japanese leaders suspected of subversive activities have been interned by the military authorities.

Federal and territorial law enforcement agencies were co-operating with the army in detecting and suppressing enemy "fifth column" activities among the Japanese residents of the Islands.

There is nothing to report from other areas.—Reuter.

JAPAN WILL SHARE ITALY'S FATE

Field-Marshal Smuts On Japan's Entry Into War

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 23.

"One number of the Axis, Italy, is almost finished and Japan has appeared on the scene. Japan will have her run. She started unexpectedly with calculated treachery. But as sure as we sit here what has happened to Italy will happen to Japan before 1942 comes to a close," said Field-Marshal Smuts in a speech to-night.

The British Commonwealth has been joined by two. Russia and the United States and Hitler is now forced to play his last card himself, because of the terrific blows struck at the Axis. I believe it to be his very last card. We must go all out in 1942 with the maximum effort and we will find this effort to be not in vain."

Mrs Smuts was presented with 18,000 Sterling or the South African Gifts and Comforts Fund.—Reuter.

Saadulla Sees Governor Again

SHILLONG, Dec. 22.

Sir Muhammad Saadulla had another interview with His Excellenc the Governor at the Government House to-day. Talks lasted for about 20 minutes.

Immediately after the interview Sir Muhammad held consultation with his colleagues of the outgoing Cabinet.—United Press.

Evacuees From Rangoon

CALCUTTA, Dec. 22.

About 1,200 persons, including 200 women and 126 children have arrived here from Rangoon by a ship. There were 62 upper class passengers on board the ship including a few Europeans. The majority of the passengers were Bengalis and they left Rangoon on December 19.—A. P.

DEVADAS GANDHI RELEASE

ALLAHABAD, Dec. 23.

Mr. Devadas Gandhi, Managing Editor, the "Hindustan Times" was released this morning from the Naini Central Jail. He was received at the gate by Mr. Katju.—A. P.

Pays Visit To Sjt. P. Tandon

ALLAHABAD.—Mr. Devadas Gandhi on his way back from the jail called on Mr. Purushottamdas Tandon, Speaker of the U. P. Assembly.

Mr. Gandhi is leaving for Delhi this evening, by the Delhi Express.—A. P.

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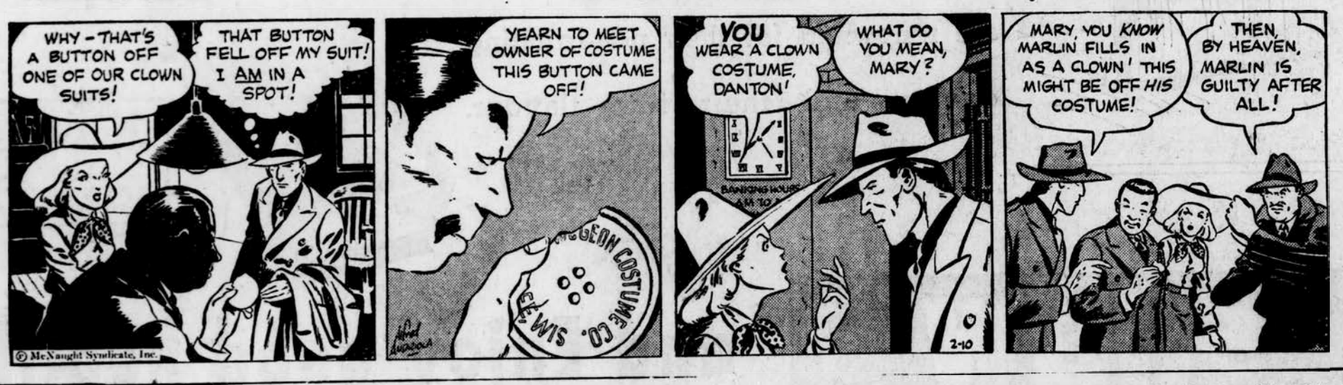
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End Deadlock To Win War

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 21.

The importance of a more scientific and methodical system of commercial education was stressed by Mr. Chunilal B. Mehta, President of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry, addressing the annual gathering of Hargovinddas Lakhmichand College of Commerce this evening.

After referring to the war situation, Mr. Mehta said that the commercial community in India, while helping war efforts had not been slow in trying to impress upon the British Government the need for a complete change of heart and policy. The time had now, if not before, come for the British Government and the Indian leaders to realise the necessity of coming to an understanding. With the unified efforts of the whole of India there could be no doubt that victory would be much easier and quicker.—A. P.

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